

THE PROPER NAME OF THE MEXICAN TAMANDUA.

I am indebted to Mr. Walter L. Hahn, Aid, Division of Mammals, U. S. National Museum, for calling my attention to De Saussure's description of the Mexican Tamandua in his "Note sur quelques Mammifères du Mexique," published in the January, 1860, number of the "Revue et Magasin de Zoologie," (2^e, Vol. XII, 1860, pp. 9-11). The description is based on specimens from the State of Tabasco, and is very satisfactory and complete, especially of the skull, and very clearly points out the cranial differences that distinguish the Mexican form from the "*Tamandua* du Brésil." He calls it "*Myrmecophaga tamandua* (?) Desm. (Var. *Mexicana*, Sauss.)." As this name has nearly forty-five years' priority over my *tenuirostris* for the same form (Bull. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., Vol. XX, p. 394, Oct. 29, 1904), the correct name of the Mexican Tamandua is *Tamandua tetradactyla mexicana* (Saussure). As De Saussure's name *mexicana* is not given by Trouessart in his "Catalogus Mammalium," nor cited by Gray and other general writers on the group, it was easily overlooked in preparing my paper on "The Tamandau Anteaters."

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