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## DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPOSED NEW BIRDS FROM BRAZIL, PARAGUAY, AND ARGENTINA

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The following descriptions of proposed new birds are based chiefly on birds contained in the Roosevelt Collection made by Mr. Cherrie in the years 1913-1916. They are here published in advance of a complete report on the collection.

### ***Strix chacoensis*, new species**

**SPECIFIC CHARACTERS.**—Similar to *Strix rufipes* but general color above and bars below darker; blackish, instead of chocolate-brown, the primary coverts distinctly barred with rufous on both webs, and with facial ruff dusky, barred with grayish white, instead of chocolate-brown or fulvous.

**TYPE.**—No. 149,387, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.; ♂ ad.; Fort Wheeler, Paraguayan Chaco, Paraguay; September 28, 1916; George K. Cherrie.

**DESCRIPTION OF TYPE.**—Above, dusky brownish black, narrowly barred with white and yellowish buff; the white bars, subapical on the feathers and separated from the basal yellowish buff ones, which are mostly concealed by a rather broad brownish black band; the feathers of the hind neck are long and fluffy; the center of the crown is darker than the upperparts, the blackish tips to the feathers being broader and concealing the white bars; median and greater wing-coverts distinctly but irregularly barred with pale tawny buff and notched on the outer webs with white; on the greater coverts these white tips forming a narrow band; the primary coverts dusky brownish distinctly barred with deep ochraceous buff; the white bars on the scapulars very distinct; quills dusky brown barred (broadly on the primaries, narrowly on the secondaries) on both webs with ochraceous orange but shading into light ochraceous buff on the edges of the outer webs; tail dusky brown crossed with six bars of pale ochraceous buff that shades into buffy white near the edges of the feathers; local plumes silvery white but with the shafts of the plumes developed into black hair-like bristles; remainder of the facial disk dusky grayish white with concentric bars of dusky brown; ear-coverts grayish white with nearly obsolete dusky brown bars and silvery white shaft-lines; under surface of body barred, blackish brown and white; middle of belly, sides of flanks, thighs, and tarsi ochraceous buff; under tail-coverts light ochraceous buff tipped with white and having a subterminal black band followed by a white one; under wing-coverts and axillaries ochraceous buff, a few of the lowermost outermost dusky brownish; the basal third (more or less) of the inner webs of the primaries and secondaries uniform pale ochraceous buff. ♂: wing, 251; tail, 146; culmen, 33 mm.

## SPECIMENS EXAMINED

*Strix chacoensis*.—PARAGUAY: Paraguayan Chaco, Fort Wheeler, 1 ♂ (type).

*Strix rufipes*.—CHILI: Maquehue, Temuco, Cautin, 1 ♂, 1 ♀.

Although we have only one specimen of this form its characters are so well marked that we have no hesitation in describing it as a new species. *Strix rufipes* has been recorded by Dr. Dabbene from the western part of the Province of Jujuy, Argentina, but whether the record is based on true *rufipes* or the bird here described we are unable to say.

***Ortalis canicollis pantanalensis***, new subspecies

SUBSPECIFIC CHARACTERS.—Similar to *Ortalis canicollis canicollis* of the Paraguayan Chaco, but uniformly darker both above and below; the chestnut color on the outer rectrices more restricted and the head dusky brown; top of the head dusky brown shading into olive-brown on the neck and becoming grayish in the supraloral and supra-auricular regions; bristle-like feathers of the anterior part of the cheeks and chin black, shading into the gray of the sides of face and throat; back of neck, mantle, wings, center of lower back and upper tail-coverts olive-brown with slight bronze or purplish gloss; under wing-coverts, sides, flanks, and under tail-coverts chestnut; chest and breast brownish or olivaceous gray, washed with chestnut on the belly; three outer pairs of tail-feathers broadly tipped with chestnut, the distal third of the outer pair being so colored. ♀: wing, 239; tail, 252; culmen, 25; tarsus, 66 mm.

TYPE.—No. 127,232, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.; ♀, ad.; near mouth of Rio San Lorenzo, Matto Grosso, Brazil; December 26, 1913; George K. Cherrie.

***Ortalis canicollis grisea***, new subspecies

SUBSPECIFIC CHARACTERS.—Very similar to *Ortalis canicollis canicollis* of the Paraguayan Chaco but smaller, the throat dark gray, breast and chest gray with an olivaceous wash; tail bluish green, instead of brownish green, the two outer pair only of tail-feathers tipped with chestnut; sides and flanks pale dusky rufous instead of chestnut as in *Ortalis c. canicollis*; top of head uniform dark gray shading into olive-gray on the nape and becoming brownish olivaceous on the back with a slight bronze gloss; lower back and rump washed with chestnut rather browner down the middle; throat dark gray, breast and chest gray with an olivaceous wash; abdomen paler gray with faint rufescent wash; under tail-coverts chestnut; flanks and sides pale dusky rufous; the two outer pair only of tail-feathers tipped with chestnut. ♀: wing, 210; tail, 238.5; tarsus, 58; culmen, 23 mm.

TYPE.—No. 140,257, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.; ♀, ad.; Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero, Argentina; April 22, 1916; Miller and Boyle.

## SPECIMENS EXAMINED

*Ortalis canicollis grisea*.—ARGENTINA: Suncho Corral, Santiago del Estero, 800 feet, 1 ♀ (type).

*Ortalis canicollis canicollis*.—PARAGUAY: Fort Wheeler, 1 ♂, 1 ♀. ARGENTINA: Embarcacion, Prov. of Salta, 1700 feet, 1 ♀ (intermediate between *grisea* and *canicollis*).