

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE MONGOLIAN ORNIS

WITH DESCRIPTION OF SOME NEW SPECIES.

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(Plate IV.)

With the present communication I want to clear accounts about a small collection of bird-skins which I acquired through the «Hazai Zoologiai Laboratorium» in Budapest. This collection originating from Transbaikalia respectively from the northern parts of the Mongolian Mountains and which contains some new species collected by O. TEICHMANN and F. WEISKE in April—July 1908.

1. *Turdus ruficollis*, PALL. — Two male specimens. «Monda, Sib., Chinesische Grenze», May 26.

2. *Turdus obscurus*, GM. — Two male specimens. Tibelti, River Irkut, East-Siberia, June 5.

3. *Cinclus* sp.? — Two female specimens from the Tunkan Mountains, April 5 and 6. One specimen is larger and considerably darker in colour, and has the upper part dark chocolate brown, darkest on the rump; cheeks, throat and breast white, mottled with brown, these mottled markings are most distinct on the throat and sides of breast; belly chocolate brown gradually shading into blackish on the under tail-coverts. Total length 180, wing 86, tail 52, bill 14, tarsus 27 mm. The other specimen is considerably lighter above and below; rump and upper tail-coverts dark slate instead of chocolate brown; throat and chest white with only few brown markings, but a brown band runs backwards on the cheeks from the angle of the lower mandible on both sides.<sup>1</sup> Total length 172, wing 83, tail 47, bill 16, tarsus 28 mm.

4. *Tharrhaleus tetricus*, n. sp. (Plate IV, fig. 1.) — One male specimen from the Saigan Mountains in Mongolia, May 11. *Description*: Above greyish-brown with blackish longitudinal streaks on the mantle;

<sup>1</sup> It is remarkable that this marking is less distinct in the other specimen described above.

top of head dark brown; cheeks, side of face, round the eyes and ear-coverts brownish black; a very distinct eyebrow from the base of the nostril and throat white; breast and sides of body buff; flanks streaked with blackish-brown; centre of abdomen and under tail-coverts creamy white with dusky centre on the feathers of the latter; wing- and tail-feathers dark brown edged with fulvous; median and greater coverts tipped with ashy-white. Bill black; feet fulvous. Total length 155, wing 78, tail 67, bill 11, tarsus 19 mm.

5. *Anthus blakistoni*, SW. — ♂ ♀. Monda, Sib., May, 25—26.

6. *Anthus richardi*, VIEILL. — 3 ♂ ♀. Monda, Sib., July 8. Tibelti, River Irkut, June—July.

7. *Anthus maculatus*, JERD. — One female. Monda, Sib., May 25.

8. *Motacilla baicalica*, SW. — Four specimens from Tibelti, June—July.

9. *Budytes citreolus*, PALL. — Three specimens from Monda, Sib., May 25.

10. *Calobates melanope*, PALL. — One male specimen from Kultuk, Baikal-Sea, July 7.

11. *Eremophila brandti* (DRESS.). — ♂. Not labeled.

12. *Emberiza aureola*, PALL. — 4 ♂ & 2 ♀ from Tibelti, June, and Monda, Sib., May 25.

13. *Emberiza rustica*, PALL. — One male specimen from the Tunkan Mountains, May 2.

14. *Emberiza leucocephala*, GM. — 4 ♂ & 2 ♀ from the Tunkan Mountains, April—May, and Tibelti, Juny.

15. *Carpodacus erythrinus*, PALL. — 2 ♂ & ♀, Tibelti, June 28—29.

16. *Carpodacus roseus*, PALL. — ♂ & ♀, Monda, Sib., May 25.

17. *Montifringilla cognata*, n. sp. (Plate IV, fig. 2—3.) — Similar to *M. arctoa*, PALL., but differs chiefly by its rosy-red shade above and below. *Adult male*: Above and below chocolate brown (somewhat lighter than in *M. arctoa*) with a rosy shade; top of head, ear-coverts and throat dusky brown with perly-grey gloss; front and nasal plumes blackish, with a strong rosy shade; eyebrow commencing from above the eye, which backwards abruptly grow wider and uniting into the nape-patch hoary-white with rosy shade; wing and tail as in *M. arctoa*; bill and feet black. Total length 170, wing 110, tail 80, bill 11, tarsus 18 mm. *Adult female*: Similar to female of *M. arctoa*, but the wing-coverts are much darker grey; bill and feet black. Total length 160, wing 105, tail 72, bill 10, tarsus 18 mm.

I possess two male and one female from the Tunkan Mountains, April 23.

18. *Coloeus dauvricus* (PALL.) — One ♂. Tunkan Mountains, April 6.
19. *Coloeus neglectus* (SCHL.) — One ♀ from Tibelti, April 24.
20. *Garrulus brandli*, EW. — One ♀. Tunkan Mountains, May 2.
21. *Nucifraga rothschildi*, HART. — I possess a very typically coloured but very small specimen from Tibelti, June 22. It measures: Total length 310, wing 188, tail 132, bill 48, tarsus 37 mm.
22. *Nucifraga macrorhyncha*, BR. — Two specimens from the Baikal-Sea, April 1.
23. *Pœcile tunkanensis*, n. sp. — I have two specimens male and female of this new species from the Tunkan Mountains shot on April 6 and 10, which differs from all the other species belonging to this genus by their clear grey mantle, without any brownish shade. Cap of head sooty black, without any gloss which colour extending far down on the hind neck; throat black; side of head white; breast and abdomen dirty-white, without any brownish shade on the flanks; mantle ashy-grey; wings dark grey, primaries narrowly and secondaries broadly margined with greyish-white; tail-feathers dark grey margined with light ashy-grey on the outer web. Total length 135, wing 67, tail 62, bill 7, tarsus 16 mm.
24. *Lanius sphenocercus*, CAB. — One male specimen from Monda, Sib., May 25.
25. *Lanius mollis*, EVM.? — One female specimen from Mongolia, Kossogol-Sea, June 12.
26. *Lanius cristatus*, L. — ♂. Monda, Sib., May 25.
27. *Hirundo tytleri*, JARD. — Three male specimens from Tibelti and Monda, Sib., May—June.
28. *Dendrocopus cissa* (PALL.) — Five male and one female specimens from the Tunkan Mountains, April.
29. *Dendrocopus pipra* (PALL.) — 2 ♂ and 2 ♀, not labeled.
30. *Picus martius*, L. — 3 ♂ from Tunkan and Tibelti, April and June.
31. *Jynx torquilla*, L. — 1 ♂ & 3 ♀. Monda, Sib., May 25.
32. *Surnia dolia*, PALL. — ♀. Tibelti, June 25.
33. *Astur candidissimus*, DYB. — One immature female specimen, Tibelti, April 17.
34. *Milvus melanotis*, TEMM. & SCHL. — Male and female from the Tunkan Mountains, April 24, and Mongolia, Kossogol-Sea, June 12.
35. *Falco merillus* (GER.) — One male. Monda, Sib., June 6.
36. *Falco subbuteo*, L. — ♂. Tibelti, July 2.
37. *Oedemia carbo*, PALL. — ♂. Monda, Sib., May 1.
38. *Podiceps auritus* (L.) — ♀. Monda, Sib., June 1.

39. *Aegialitis dubia*, Scop. — ♂. Monda, Sib., May 30.

40. *Gallinago megala*, Sw. — ♀. Tibelti, June 28.

41. *Columba rupestris*, Br. — Two specimens (« ♂ and ♀ ») from Tibelti, July 1—2. I must remark, that one of them (« ♀ ») differs from the typical specimens by having the white subterminal band of the tail interrupted by the two middle feathers which are nearly uniform grey.

42. *Turtur orientalis*, LATH. — ♂. Tibelti, June 24.

43. *Tetrao urogallus*, L.? — ♀. Tibelti, July 1.

44. *Tetrastes orientalis*, n. sp. — An adult male specimen without locality in winter plumage. Similar to our *Tetrastes bonasia* from which it differs as follows: The nasal plumes dense and uniform black in colour; only a narrow black-barred white band across the front. The whole of lower back distinctly but narrowly barred with black; the terminal band of tail-feathers nearly white and the subterminal black ones very broad which measures 20–25 mm (in *Tetrastes bonasia* 15 mm only). Total length 340, wing 175, tail 121 mm.

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