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論 說

A NEW SUBSPECIES OF *TROGLODYTES* *TROGLODYTES* FROM THE BORODINO ISLANDS.

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A collection of bird skins I have recently received from the Borodino Islands contained a specimen of a Wren. After having compared this material with 114 specimens (7 in Dr. Kuroda Coll., 27 in Mr. Momiyama Coll., 110 in Yamashina Coll.) of *Troglodytes troglodytes* distributed in the neighbouring countries I have found that this bird does not belong to any of the known subspecies. Therefore I describe it as a new subspecies which I propose to call after Mr. H. Orii who twice explored the Borodino Islands and collected many valuable specimens.

TROGLODYTES TROGLODYTES ORII, subsp. nov.

Diagnosis:—Crown, hind-neck, and mantle are much darker than those of *T. t. fumigatus* and *T. t. utanoi* from Hondo and Kiusiu, and about the same as *T. t. mosukei* from Hachijō, the Seven Islands. Ground colour of rump, upper tail-coverts, tail- and wing-feathers is

also similar to that of *T. t. mosukei*, but black spots and black bars are darker and wider than those of the latter subspecies except in the tail-feathers, where black bars are very narrow and numerous in the new subspecies. Chin, throat and upper-breast are rather pale, about the same tone as those of *T. t. fumigatus*, and dark, transverse bars in these parts are almost invisible. Lower breast, flanks, and belly are also similar in colour to those of *T. t. fumigatus*, and far paler than those of *T. t. utanoi* and *T. t. mosukei*. This subspecies can easily be distinguished from *T. t. ogawae* from Yakushima Island by its shorter bill and less rustie colour of upper and lower parts, and from *T. t. dauricus*, *T. t. idius*, *T. t. peninsulae*, and *T. t. taiwanus* by its darker colour of upper and lower-parts.

Measurements:—Wing 47 mm., tail 32 mm., exposed culmen 11 mm., tarsus 16.5 mm.

Type:—Yamashina Ornithological Collection No. 25476. ♂ ad. Minami-daitôjima, one of the three Borodino Islands, east of the Riukiu Islands. Collected by Mr. Morimitsu Nagayama.

Note:—*Troglodytes troglodytes* is well distributed throughout the Eastern Asia including the Japanese Islands, and Formosa, but it has never been reported from the Riukiu Islands, and the occurrence of a Wren from the Borodino Islands, some 200 miles from the nearest Riukiu Island, is very remarkable.