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論 說

On a New Form of Tree-Sparrow from the Pescadores Islands.

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In January, 1933, Mr. Hyojiro Orii went to the Pescadores Islands and gathered some birds there. I have found that the six sparrows brought at that time are distinguishable from those of Formosa and Japan, as a result of the comparative study. Further I asked Dr. Kuroda to compare them with his specimens with the result that the former is also distinguishable from the latter.

I beg my cordial thanks to Dr. Kuroda for his kindness.

Passer montanus bokotoensis, subsp. nov. ボウコトウスズメ (新稱)

Diagnosis: In comparison with *P. m. taiwanensis* from Formosa, this subspecies is distinguishable by the following facts that *P. m. bokotoensis* has a higher greyish-buff in the portions of upper breast, side of body and etc., the belly is not pure white and rusty colour is abundant in the upper parts, rump and the upper tail-coverts. From *P. m. saturatus* from Japan and Riukiu Islands, this subspecies is distinguishable by the fact that the white parts of cheek and neck have a tinge of buff.

Measurements: 4 ♂♂ ads. Wing 67-71, tail 48-52, exp. c. 11-11.5, height of bill at nostril 7-7.5 mm.; 2 ♀♀ ads. Wing 67-70, tail 50-51, exp. c. 10.7-12, height of bill at nostril 7.5-8 mm..

Type: Yamashina Ornith. Coll. no. 15436. ♂ ad. Mako, Bōkotō I., Pescadores Is.. 22. I. 1933. Collected by H. Orii.

Distribution: Pescadores Is.