members of the genus are all of small size, and are distinguishable from *Parus* by their long graduated tails, in which respect they approach the Old-World genus *Acredula*.

1. *Psaltriparus melanotis.*


*Psaltria personata*, Westermann, Bijdrag Dierk. i. p. 16, t.¹¹


Supra fusco-brunneus, pileo toto plumbeo; alis et cauda dorso fere concoloribus paulo cinerascentioribus, capitis lateribus cum mento nigris; subitus rufescenti-albidus, guttura canescens; rostro et pedibus nigris. Long. tota 4-0, alae 1-95, caudae rectr. med. 2-2, rectr. lat. 1-7, tarsi 0-62. (Descri. maris ex La Parada, Mexico. Mus. nostr.)

♀ mari similis, sed loris et genis pallide brunneis nec nigris (cervidis posterioribus tantum nigris) distinguenda. Iride, ave vivo, pallide straminea. (Descri. fem. ex Volcan de Fuego, Guatemala. Mus. nostr.)

**Hab. Mexico** ¹³⁰, Guanajuato (*Dugès* ⁶), La Parada (*Boucard* ⁷), Cayuialpam (*Sallé* ⁵), valley of Mexico (*White* ⁴, *le Strange*), alpine region of Vera Cruz (*Sumichrast* ⁷); **Guatemala** ², Sololá ⁹, Godines, Volcan de Fuego, San Lucas (*O. S. & F. D. G.*).

This species, though previously indicated as an inhabitant of Mexico ¹, was first actually described from Guatemalan specimens ², where it is confined to the district of the Altos, being found in most of the higher ranges of the Cordillera, between 7000 and 9000 feet above the sea. We observed it at several places in this region, between the hills near Sololá and the highest part of the road leading from the city of Guatemala to Antigua. In its habits *Psaltriparus melanotis* much resembles *Acredula caudata* of Europe. A small party of birds usually associate in a flock and fly from tree to tree, one bird following another at short intervals. When congregated in a tree they are restless like other *Paro*, and search the leaves and branches assiduously for food. In Mexico the species seems to be also confined to the highlands. Prof. Sumichrast puts it down as an inhabitant of the alpine region of the State of Vera Cruz, being found in the mountains of San Diego at an elevation of over 6000 feet ⁷. M. Boucard also found it in the higher parts of the State of Oaxaca. Though included by Messrs. Baird, Brewer, and Ridgway in their work on the birds of North America ⁹, no specimens have as yet been obtained in that country; but Mr. Ridgway, when in the Humboldt Mountains of Nevada, saw what he believed to be birds of this species. In life the iris of *P. melanotis* is pale straw-colour.