the top of the volcano of Conchagua, at an elevation of about 4000 feet, this mountain forming the north-western extremity of the Gulf of Fonseca. Here, too, it was on open barren stony ground. The wide gap in the range of this species between Conchagua and Quezaltenango is partly bridged by specimens having been observed near Jutiapa, in Guatemala, not far from the frontier of San Salvador.

There is considerable diversity in the plumage of different specimens of this species, due, we believe, to season or age. Our Quezaltenango specimens, shot in August, have none of the characteristic black and white spots on the back; but the whole upper surface is transversely barred with black, giving the bird a very different appearance; a close examination, however, reveals a few freshly-moulted feathers of the normal type; so that we are led to infer that these specimens are either young birds or old ones in abraded plumage. A Cachil specimen killed in November is exactly like one from the Yellowstone River.

Concerning the name *Troglydotes latifasciatus* 10 little can be said, except that it may apply to this species. The description is exceedingly meagre; and, moreover, a fruitless search in the Berlin Museum for Lichtenstein's type leaves us with nothing but the description upon which to form an opinion.

CATERPES.

*Catherpes*, Baird, B. N. Am. p. 356 (1858). (Type *Thryothorus mexicanus*, Sw.)

Though the feet are somewhat stouter in this genus than in *Salpinctes*, the relative length of the toes is about the same, and the feet are more feeble than in other *Troglydytidae*. The posterior covering of the tarsus is of the normal type, being a single plate instead of several, as in *Salpinctes*. The bill is long and slender, and without subterminal notch. The nostril is shaped much as in *Salpinctes*.

Two species constitute this genus, one of which, *C. mexicanus*, is rather variable in its characters, at least in Mexico, but more stable towards the northern limits of its range. The second species is only known from a single specimen obtained in the Mexican State of Vera Cruz.

1. *Catherpes mexicanus*.

*Thryothorus mexicanus*, Sw. Zool. Ill. ser. 2. i. t. 111.


