differences of colour, but also in the relative length of the spurious primary. They were therefore described as *Vireo ochraceus*¹ and *V. semiflavus*² respectively. Prof. Baird, however, to whom the types were submitted with the advantage of two additional specimens for examination, came to the conclusion that the differences observable were not greater than might be expected in birds shot, the one in January and the other in April. He therefore united *V. ochraceus* and *V. semiflavus* under the former name³. We now possess two additional examples: one, from Progreso, agrees with the type of *V. semiflavus*; the other, from Corosal in British Honduras, is exactly similar to *V. ochraceus*. Any supposed difference in locality is therefore broken down, and Prof. Baird’s view strengthened rather than otherwise. We therefore follow him in placing *V. semiflavus* as a synonym of *V. ochraceus*; at the same time we may remark *en passant* that the difference between the types is more pronounced than those to be traced between such races as *V. solitarius*, *V. cassini*, and *V. propinquus*, or *V. gilva* and *V. swainsoni*.

*V. ochraceus* is a little-known bird, and only twice came under our observation—one in April 1862 in a copse in the savana country near Sakluk, in the Department of Peten, and again in January 1863 in the woods skirting the Pacific shore near the Guatemalan port of San José. From this last bird, a female, our figure is taken.

17. *Vireo pallens*. (Tab. XII. fig. 2.)


Supra obscure olivaceus; t Amy praecoculari pallide flavo; subitus sordide albus flavido vir tinctus; alis et cauda nigricanti-fuscis, illis albido limbatis et bifieascatis, hae dorsi colore marginata; rostri maxilla pallide cornea, mandibula albida. Long. tota 4-6, alae 2-3, caudae 1-9, rostri a rictu 0-65, tarsi 0-85. (Deser. maris ex Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. Mus. nostr.)

*Hab.* NICARAGUA, Realejo ² (*J. M. Dow & O. S.*¹); COSTA RICA, Punta Arenas (*J. M. Dow & O. S.*¹).

Of this species nothing, so far as we know, has been noticed since the original specimens were procured in March 1863 at Realejo (now called Corinto) and at Punta Arenas by Capt. Dow and Salvin during a voyage from Guatemala to Panama. In both cases the birds were found in the woods behind those seaport towns. In their habits nothing of special note was observed. In its general appearance this bird is not unlike *V. pusillus* of Arizona and Lower California, having hardly any olive-colour in its plumage, the upper parts being ashy, and the under parts white, with but a very faint shade of olive-colour*. It may be distinguished from *V. pusillus* by the presence of two white bands on the wings instead of only one, and in the wings being more rounded. The shape and size of *V. pallens* is much that of *V. ochraceus*; but it wants the colour of that bird, besides having a longer spurious first primary. The Punta Arenas specimen, a male, is figured.

* The figure is rather too highly coloured.