
Supra late cærulea, dorso medio paullo obscuriore, capite summo flavo-viridi, alis caudaque fusco nigricantibus dorsi colore limbatis; ocellorum ambitu, loris et corpore toto subtus flavissimis, pectore rubro-aurantio; rostro corneo; pedibus coryllinis. Long. tota 4-8, alas 2-8, caudae 2-2, tarsi 0-65. (Deser. maris ex Tehuantepec, Mexico. Mus. nostr.)

♀ mari similitis, sed coloribus omnibus minus nitidis.

Hab. MEXICO, Acapulco (Leclancher 1, A. H. Markham 7), San Juan del Rio (Rébouch 4), Sierra Madre, Rio de la Ameria (Xantus 5), Tapana 6, Tehuantepec city 6, Cacoprieto (Sumichrust).

This beautiful species was discovered by M. Leclancher, one of the officers of the French vessel 'Venus,' near Acapulco in Mexico during the expedition of that ship. It was near the same spot that Captain A. H. Markham obtained an example in the month of March 1880, more than forty years afterwards. C. leclancheri, as the late Baron Lafresnaye called this bird, is restricted in its range to Western Mexico, and only passes a short way inland, San Juan del Rio being the furthest point from the coast whence we have seen it. The southern limit of its range is the neighbourhood of Tehuantepec, where Sumichrust found it and sent us specimens.

The female is said to be like the male, the colours being less vivid. The species would thus differ from all its congeners, where the difference between the sexes is most marked.

4. Cyanospiza amena.

Emberiza amena, Say in Long's Exp. ii. p. 47.


Passerina amena, Copes, Key N. Am. B. ed 2, p. 391.

Capite, cervice undique, tecticibus alarum minoribus et uropygio late cæruleis, dorso migrante-cæruleo; alis et cauda nigris, dorsi colore limbatis, illis fascia alba notatis, pectore late castaneo; corpore subtus reliquo albo; rostri maxilla cornea, mandibula pallida, pedibus obscure coryllinis. Long. tota 4-7, alas 2-9, caudae 2-2, tarsi 0-65. (Deser. maris Salt Lake City, Smiths. Inst. no. 58596. Mus. nostr.)

♀ supra fusco-brunnea, plumis medialiter vix obscurioribus; subtus sordide albicuns, ventre imo paullo pallidiore. (Deser. exempl. ex California, Smiths. Inst. no. 78652. Mus. nostr.)

Hab. NORTH AMERICA, high central plains to the Pacific Ocean. — MEXICO, Mazatlan (Grayson 3), valley of Mexico (Mus. S. & G.).

This is probably a more abundant bird in Mexico than we are at present aware of, for the only records we have of its occurrence within our limits at all are one given by Grayson of its presence at Mazatlan 3 and the evidence of a skin in our possession which we found in a large collection of birds made near the city of Mexico. It seems, like C. cyanea and C. ciris, to be a migratory species in the United States, reaching its northern limits in British Columbia in May. It is also found in Arizona; hence it is doubtless to be found in the frontier State of Sonora and further southwards.