North America, *C. frontalis*, should be separated from that of the Pacific Coast-region, *C. rhodocolpus*, but it seems now to be generally admitted by American ornithologists that if there are two forms they pass insensibly one into the other. We have not nearly a sufficient series of skins of these birds to form an independent opinion, so we pass to what must ultimately be the technical result of the blending of the two forms and call them by a common name, *C. frontalis*. *C. mexicanus* of the Mexican highlands we think we can distinguish, so we treat this form as distinct, at least until the barriers are broken down between it and *C. frontalis* and their differences are no longer capable of definition.

*C. frontalis* is admitted into this fauna on the authority of Mr. L. Belding (we have no Mexican examples), who obtained specimens, determined as of the race *rhodocolpus*, at Guaymas. But we are uncertain as to the correct position of the birds from Frontera and Monterey secured by the naturalists of the Mexican Boundary Survey. We have doubtfully referred them to *C. mexicanus*, but they may belong here.

*C. frontalis* is a very familiar bird in the country in which it is found, frequenting houses as well as the open country. It has a pleasant song, and builds its nest in all sorts of places—trees, and crevices and ledges, in houses, a Swallow's nest, in fact just as our Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) does. The materials of its nest consist of grasses, with the lining of finer dried roots and hair. The eggs are pale bluish marked, chiefly near the larger end, with specks and lines of blackish brown.

3. *Carpodacus mexicanus*.


Supra fuscus, interscapulio vix striato, alis et cauda fusco-nigrigantibis, illis fusco limbatis; supercollis, fronte late, uryppgio et gutture toto late coecineis; loris et regione parotica dorso concoloribus; corpore reliquo subitus pallide fusco, obscure fusco striato; rostro corneo, mandibula pallida, pedibus nigriganti-fuscis. Long. tota 5-6, alae 3-1, cauda 2-5, rostri a ricta 0-5, tarsæ 0-05. (Descri. maris ex Oaxaca, Mexico. Mus. noctr.)

♀ mari simili, inornata, colore coecineo nullo, corpore subitus undique fusco striato. (Descri. femine ex Mexico, prope urbem. Mus. nostr.)

Hab. Mexico 11. 12 (*Deppe*, *Mann*), Frontera (*Wright*), Monterey (*Couch*), Tepic and Durango (*Grayson*), Guanajuato (*Dugès*), Guadalajara (*Grayson*, *Dugès*),