

watercourse. Most of the troop consisted of *Cebus hypoleucus*; but with them were several *Ateles*, of one of which Mr. Salvin wrote the following description as it sat jabbering at him and throwing down sticks from a branch about twenty feet above his head:—"The whole body was a light-greyish drab all over, except the hands, knees, elbows, and feet, which were black; the face was black, with the exception of the flesh-coloured mouth; the upper part of the tail was slightly tinged with buff, as was also the top of the head. On the middle of the forehead was a small triangular patch of erect black hairs. There were several others just like the specimen described. These animals were evidently of the form described as *A. melanochir*." It is not unusual, Mr. Salvin informs me, to see Monkeys kept in confinement in the court-yards of the Spanish houses in Guatemala. Amongst them may occasionally be seen individuals of this southern species; but, on inquiry, he has always found that such specimens had been brought either from Nicaragua or Costa Rica.

4. *Ateles vellerosus*.

Ateles frontatus (?), Sclater, Nat. Hist. Rev. 1861, p. 509 (nec Gray)¹.

Ateles vellerosus, Gray, P. Z. S. 1865, p. 733 (descr. orig.)²; Cat. Monk. &c. Brit. Mus. p. 44³; Sclater, P. Z. S. 1872, pp. 5, 798, pl. ii.⁴; Reinhardt, P. Z. S. 1872, p. 797⁵; Vidensk. Meddelelser, 1872, p. 150⁶.

Ateles fuliginosus, Schlegel, Mus. Pays-Bas, iii. p. 179 (nec Kuhl?)⁷.

Ateles pan, Schlegel, op. cit. p. 180 (1876, descr. orig.)⁸.

Hab. MEXICO, Alvarado (*Deppe*, *Mus. Berol.*¹), Chiapas, Vera Cruz, San Luis Potosi (*Sallé*¹), Mirador, Oaxaca (*Liebmann*, *Mus. Hafn.*^{5 6}), Acapulco? (*Boucard*⁴); GUATEMALA, Vera Paz³, Volcan de Atitlan, Pacific Coast (*Salvin*, *Mus. Brit.*), Coban (*Mus. Lugd.*)⁷.

The Mexican Spider-Monkey was referred by Mr. Sclater⁴ to Gray's *A. vellerosus*, which was originally described from a specimen in the British Museum labelled (certainly erroneously) as being from Brazil³; and a comparison of Central-American specimens with Gray's type leaves no doubt as to their identity. Professor Schlegel united both with Kuhl's *A. fuliginosus*⁷; but the description of that species*, though far from diagnostic, seems to me to apply better to the dull grey varieties of *A. geoffroyi*. At the same time Professor Schlegel separated the Spider-Monkeys of Mexico and Guatemala, and gave the name of *A. pan* to the latter⁸.

After a careful examination of the specimens in the British, Leyden, Berlin, and Copenhagen Museums, I am convinced that all the *Ateles* hitherto obtained from Mexico and Guatemala are referable to one somewhat variable species, distinct from *A. geoffroyi* though closely allied, for which *A. vellerosus* is the earliest name that can be used with certainty. The most constant character by which they may be separated

* Beitr. z. Zool. &c. p. 25 (1820, descr. orig.).