

genus *Oryzomys*, and, as might be expected from its structural characters, is aquatic in its habits, specially frequenting the dykes and dams of irrigated rice-fields, and swimming and diving with facility. For its addition to the Central-American fauna we are indebted to Dr. Coues, who observes that he cannot distinguish a Tehuantepec specimen from the ordinary *H. palustris* of the United States. "In colour it is a little clearer than most Carolina skins, yet not of the paler yellowish-brown noticed in Kansas ones, but rather a brighter fulvous-brown; the underparts are unusually pure white"⁴. Two Mexican examples in the British Museum have rather more naked tails than United-States specimens; but in other respects they do not show any approach to the next species.

In the same monograph Dr. Coues doubtfully referred specimens of an *Oryzomys* from Jamaica to the present species. He has since informed me that it proves to be distinct; but, as far as I am aware, he has not yet named or described it.

10. *Hesperomys couesi*. (Tab. XV. fig. 1.)

Hesperomys couesi, Alston, P. Z. S. 1876, p. 756 (descr. orig.)¹.

Hab. MEXICO (*Geale*; *Verreaux*, *Mus. Brit.*¹); GUATEMALA, Coban, Choctum (*Salvin & Godman*, *Mus. Brit.*¹; *Mus. Berol.*); HONDURAS (*Mus. Brit.*).

I have ventured to dedicate this handsome species to my friend Dr. Elliott Coues, whose recent labours have done so much to clear up the confusion into which the North-American Muridæ had fallen.

Coues's Rice-Mouse is certainly referable to the subgenus *Oryzomys*, being closely allied to the last species; it differs strikingly, however, in its long and almost entirely naked tail (the fine sparse hairs of which are hardly perceptible), its close, fine, and somewhat woolly fur, and its clear reddish-brown coloration, which varies in different specimens from dark red-brown to light rufous; it also appears to be a decidedly larger animal. From the character of the tail and fur it may be expected to prove less strictly aquatic in its habits than *H. palustris*.

There are several specimens of Coues's Rice-Mouse in the British and Berlin Museums, from Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras; but I have not yet been able to trace its range beyond these States.

The figure is taken from one of the typical Mexican specimens in the British Museum.

11. *Hesperomys nudicaudus*.

Hesperomys (Tylomys) nudicaudus, Peters, Monatsb. Ak. Berlin, 1866, p. 404, figs. 1-4, skull (descr. orig.)¹.

Hab. GUATEMALA (*Mus. Basel.*¹).

Professor Peters's type is an adult female from Guatemala, which was submitted to