

# BIOLOGIA CENTRALI-AMERICANA.

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### Class AVES\*.

#### Subclass AVES CARINATÆ.

#### Order PASSERES.

#### Suborder OSCINES.

#### Section I. OSCINES DENTIROSTRES.

#### Fam. TURDIDÆ.

#### Subfam. TURDINÆ.

#### CATHARUS.

*Catharus*, Bonaparte, Consp. Av. i. p. 278 (1850). (Type *C. aurantirostris*.)

*Malacocichla*, Gould, P. Z. S. 1854, p. 285. (Type *C. dryas*.)

This genus differs from the true Thrushes (*Turdus*) chiefly in its shorter, more rounded wings and in its long slender tarsi—characters suited to the terrestrial habits of all the species, and to their place of abode amongst dense brushwood or primæval forest. Twelve species are now known of the genus, of which no less than nine are found within our limits, the rest being Andean species occurring in various places as far south as the province of Yungas in Bolivia, whence we have lately received the species described as *C. mentalis*†, and where also *C. dryas* occurs. Though none of the species appear to occur at or near the sea-level, some (such as *C. fuscater*, *C. mexicanus*,

\* The classification here adopted is nearly that of the 'Nomenclator Avium Neotropicalium' of Sclater and Salvin.

† Scl. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1876, p. 352.