

*F. D. G.*), Orizaba, Misantla (*F. D. G.*), Vera Cruz (*Richardson*), S. Antonio Coapa (*Ferrari-Perez*), Tierra templada of the Pacific slope, Morelia (*le Strange*).—CUBA?

A well-known species of the Eastern States of North America as a summer visitor, where it remains to breed. In the valley of the Rio Grande some birds of this species may be found throughout the year, for we have records of it in March from the river itself at Nuevo Laredo and opposite Brownsville, and in June Mr. Dresser found it in numbers near Houston. However, neither Mr. Sennett nor Dr. Merrill include its name in their lists. In Southern Mexico it is chiefly found on the eastern slope of the mountains of Vera Cruz from Orizaba and Jalapa to the low ground about Misantla and near the sea-coast at Vera Cruz. In the valley of Mexico it is a much rarer bird, for we only find a single specimen in Prof. Ferrari-Perez's large collection, and this was shot at S. Antonio Coapa near Tlalpam. Mr. le Strange, however, considered it a bird of the temperate districts of the Pacific slope, such as the vicinity of Morelia.

The habits of *S. phæbe* resemble those of *S. saya*, and its nest is described as similarly placed and made of similar materials. The eggs, too, are usually unspotted white, but a small proportion show reddish-brown dots at the larger end.

### 3. *Sayornis nigricans*.

*Tyrannula nigricans*, Sw. Phil. Mag. new ser. i. p. 367<sup>1</sup>.

*Sayornis nigricans*, Sel. P. Z. S. 1856, p. 296<sup>2</sup>, 1859, p. 383<sup>3</sup>, 1864, p. 175<sup>4</sup>; Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. xiv. p. 33<sup>5</sup>; Baird, U. S. Bound. Surv., Zool., Birds, p. 8<sup>6</sup>; Sumichrast, Mem. Bost. Soc. N. H. i. p. 557<sup>7</sup>; Baird, Brew., & Ridgw. N. Am. B. ii. p. 340<sup>8</sup>; Lawr. Mem. Bost. Soc. N. H. ii. p. 285<sup>9</sup>; Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus. no. 4, p. 25<sup>10</sup>; Perez, Pr. U. S. Nat. Mus. ix. p. 154<sup>11</sup>.

*Aulanax nigricans*, Cab. & Heine, Mus. Hein. ii. p. 68<sup>12</sup>.

*Myiarchus nigricans*, Dugès, La Nat. i. p. 141<sup>13</sup>.

*Muscicapa atrata*, Licht. Preis-Verz. mex. Vög. p. 2 (cf. J. f. Orn. 1863, p. 58<sup>14</sup>).

*Muscicapa semiatra*, Vig. in Beechey's Voy. p. 17<sup>15</sup>.

*Sooty Flycatcher*, Sw. Orn. Draw. t. 69<sup>16</sup>.

Fuliginoso-nigra; dorso medio paullo dilutior; secundariis extrorsum, dimidio pogonii externi rectricis extimæ, subalaribus, ventre et crisso albis: rostro et pedibus nigris. Long. tota 6.0, alæ 3.5, caudæ 3.2, rostri a rictu 0.7, tarsi 0.7. (Descr. maris ex Mazatlan, Mexico. Mus. nostr.)

♀ mari similis.

*Hab.* NORTH AMERICA, South-western States from Texas to Arizona and California and northwards to Oregon<sup>8</sup>.—MEXICO (*Bullock*<sup>1</sup>), Espia (*Kennerly*<sup>6</sup>), Cadereita (*Couch*<sup>6</sup>), Rio de Monterey and Rancho de las Triviñas (*Armstrong*), Mazatlan (*Grayson*<sup>9</sup>), Presidio near Mazatlan (*Forrer*), Venta de Zopilote in Guerrero (*Mrs. H. H. Smith*), Valle del Maiz, Aguas Calientes, and Sierra de Calvillo (*Richardson*), Guanajuato (*Dugès*<sup>13</sup>), valley of Mexico (*White*<sup>4</sup>), Chimalpa, Coapa, Mexicalcingo, Ixtapalapa, Culhuacan, all near Mexico city (*Ferrari-Perez*), Temperate and Alpine regions of Vera Cruz (*Sumichrast*<sup>7</sup>), Tanatepec (*Sumichrast*<sup>10</sup>), Puebla and Orizaba (*F. D. G.*), Cordova (*Sallé*<sup>2</sup>), Morelia (*F. D. G.*), Cinco Señores (*Boucard*<sup>3</sup>), Oaxaca (*Boucard*<sup>3</sup>, *Fenochio*).