

albo septies transfasciatis; cauda nigricante, rufescente quinquies transfasciata: subtus nigricans, præcipue in ventre ocellis albidis frequenter aspersus; subcaudalibus albidis, fusco punctatis; tarsi vestitis, parte distali et digitis omnibus omnino nudis. Long. tota circa 7.0, alæ 5.4, caudæ 2.5, tarsi 1.0. (Descr. exempl. typ. ex Vera Paz, Guatemala. Mus. nostr.)

Forma hepatica. Rufescens, supra nigro striata, subtus albedo ocellata, plumis stria rhachidali nigra. (Descr. exempl. typ. ex Santa Barbara, Guatemala. Mus. nostr.)

Hab. GUATEMALA, Santa Barbara in Vera Paz (*R. Owen*^{1 2}), Vera Paz (*O. S. & F. D. G.*; *H. Hague*, in *U.S. Nat. Mus.*⁵).

Of this *Scops* but little is known. The original specimen was obtained near Santa Barbara, a hamlet in the hills above San Gerónimo in Guatemala. Subsequently another was secured somewhere in Vera Paz, and yet a third in the same country by Mr. Hague, who sent it to the Smithsonian Institution.

Scops barbarus belongs to the naked-toed section of the genus. In size it is comparable with *S. flammeola*, but may readily be distinguished by the white marks on the scapulars and by the distal portion of the tarsi being naked like the toes. The two species are really very distinct, and in fact *S. barbarus* is one of the most isolated forms of the genus.

10. *Scops flammeola*.

Strix flammeola, Licht. in Mus. Berol.¹.

Scops (Megascops) flammeola, Kaup, Trans. Z. S. iv. p. 226².

Megascops flammeola, Bendire, Life Hist. N. Am. Birds, i. p. 374, t. 12. f. 15³; Hasbrouck, Auk, 1893, p. 260⁴; Fisher, Bull. U. S. Dep. Agr. no. 9, p. 173⁵.

Scops flammeola, Schl. P. Z. S. 1858, p. 96⁶; 1864, p. 178⁷; Schl. Mus. P.-B., Oti, p. 27⁸; Schl. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1868, p. 57⁹; Ex. Orn. p. 99, t. 50¹⁰; Ridgw. in Baird, Brew., & Ridgw. N. Am. Birds, iii. p. 58¹¹; Pr. U. S. Nat. Mus. i. p. 104¹²; Henshaw, Orn. Wheeler's Exp. 1874, p. 406¹³; Sharpe, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. ii. p. 105¹⁴; Sumichrast, La Nat. v. p. 237¹⁵.

Supra grisescenti-fuscus, nigro striatus et vermiculatus, scapularium marginibus et capitis plumis partim rufo variegatis; remigum primariorum pogoniis externis maculis quadratis albis ornatis: subtus grisescenti-albus, plumis omnibus striga rhachidali et fasciis numerosis transversis nigris instructis; gula et pectore rufescente partim tinctis; tarsi omnino plumosis albis, nigro variegatis: rostro pallide corneo, apice albicante; pedibus flavidis. Long. tota circa 7.0, alæ 5.5, caudæ 2.6, tarsi 0.9. (Descr. exempl. ex Dueñas, Guatemala. Mus. nostr.)

Hab. NORTH AMERICA, N. California¹¹, Nevada¹¹, Colorado¹¹, Arizona¹³.—MEXICO¹, Valley of Mexico (*White*⁷), Chimalpa, San Antonio Coapa (*Ferrari-Perez*), Alpine region of Vera Cruz (*Sumichrast*¹⁵), Jalapa (*Sallé*⁶); GUATEMALA, Dueñas, Cerro de Paramos (*O. S. & F. D. G.*¹⁰).

This little Owl, nearly the smallest of the American species of *Scops*, was described by Kaup² from a specimen in the Berlin Museum, probably sent there by Deppe from Mexico about the year 1829, and where it received the name of *Strix flammeola* from Lichtenstein¹.