

built of fresh twigs, and is usually placed at a considerable height on a cotton-wood tree. The eggs vary from two to three in number, and are usually white, but Bendire mentions examples which had a few buff-brown spots near the larger end.

The food consists of small rodents, birds, lizards, and insects.

RUPORNIS.

Rupornis, Kaup, Classif. Säug. u. Vög. p. 120 (1844).

Asturina, partim, Scl. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1869, p. 129, et auctt.; Sharpe, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. i. p. 202.

The members of the genus *Rupornis* are in structure very closely allied to those of *Asturina*, with which Dr. Bowdler Sharpe has united them; but they are browner, and thus resemble the species of the genus *Buteo* in general appearance. There is but slight variation in colour between the old and young birds. The first five primaries are excised on the inner web, and the species are also recognizable by their rufous inner quill-lining. One of the species of *Rupornis* is found throughout Central America.

1. *Rupornis ruficauda*.

Falco magnirostris (nec Gm.), Licht. Preis-Verz. Mex. Vög. p. 3 (1830), cf. Cab. J. f. Orn. 1863, p. 58¹; Wagler, Isis, 1831, p. 517².

Asturina magnirostris (nec Gm.), Scl. P. Z. S. 1856, p. 285³; Moore, P. Z. S. 1859, p. 52⁴; Scl. P. Z. S. 1859, p. 368⁵; Scl. & Salv. Ibis, 1859, p. 217⁶; Cass. Proc. Ac. Phil. 1860, p. 132⁷; Lawr. Ann. Lyc. N. Y. vii. p. 316⁸; Scl. P. Z. S. 1864, p. 178⁹; Lawr. Ann. Lyc. N. Y. viii. p. 178¹⁰; Salv. P. Z. S. 1867, p. 158¹¹; Lawr. Ann. Lyc. N. Y. ix. pp. 134¹², 207¹³; v. Frantz. J. f. Orn. 1869, p. 369¹⁴.

Asturina ruficauda, Scl. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1869, p. 133¹⁵; Ex. Orn. t. 88¹⁶; Salv. Ibis, 1869, p. 317¹⁷; P. Z. S. 1870, p. 215¹⁸; Scl. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1870, p. 838¹⁹; Sharpe, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. i. p. 205²⁰; Salv. P. Z. S. 1883, p. 426²¹; Boucard, P. Z. S. 1883, p. 456²²; Salv. Ibis, 1885, p. 193²³; 1889, p. 374²⁴; 1890, p. 89²⁵.

Buteo (*Rupornis*) *magnirostris*, var. *ruficauda*, Ridgw. Proc. Bost. Soc. N. H. xvi. pp. 25, 47, 49²⁶.

Rupornis ruficauda, Nutting, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. v. p. 403²⁷, vi. pp. 377²⁸, 388²⁹, 395³⁰; Zeledon, An. Mus. Nac. Costa Rica, 1887, no. 126³¹; Ridgw. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. x. pp. 583³², 593³³; Stone, Proc. Ac. Phil. 1890, p. 204³⁴; Cherrie, Auk, 1892, p. 328³⁵; Richm. Pr. U. S. Nat. Mus. xvi. p. 521³⁶; Sharpe, Hand-l. Birds, i. p. 257³⁷.

Buteo (*Rupornis*) *magnirostris*, var. *griseocauda*, Ridgw. Proc. Bost. Soc. N. H. xvi. pp. 25, 47, 48³⁸.

Rupornis magnirostris, var. *griseocauda*, Lawr. Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus. no. 4, p. 39³⁹.

Asturina magnirostris, var. *griseocauda*, Sumichr. La Nat. v. p. 236⁴⁰.

Rupornis ruficauda griseicauda, Ridgw. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. viii. p. 94⁴¹.

Rupornis magnirostris griseocauda, Ferrari-Perez, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. ix. p. 167⁴²; Richmond, op. cit. xviii. p. 628⁴³.

Rupornis griseicauda, Sharpe, Hand-l. Birds, i. p. 258⁴⁴.

Rupornis gracilis, Ridgw. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. viii. p. 94⁴⁵; Sharpe, Hand-l. Birds, i. p. 257⁴⁶.

Rupornis magnirostris gracilis, Ridgw. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. viii. p. 578⁴⁷.