

Eyes brown ; legs yellow ; cere yellow.]

These specimens all belong to the form kept distinct by Mr Sharpe (Cat. Birds, vol. i. p. 439) under Swainson's title *cinnamominus*. But when a large series is examined, we find so many intermediate forms between the typical *Tinnunculus sparverius* and *Tinnunculus cinnamominus* on the one hand and *Tinnunculus isabellinus* on the other, that it seems better to keep these three continental forms all under one specific designation. On the one hand, the insular forms *Tinnunculus leucophrys* and *Tinnunculus sparverioides* of Cuba, and *Tinnunculus dominicensis* of the other Antilles, seem to be fairly distinct.

24. *Milvago chimango*, Vieill.

*Milvago chimango*, Scl. et Salv., Nomencl., p. 122 ; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 435.

[Nos. 669, 670. Females. Porto Bueno.

Eyes brown ; feet bluish grey.

No. 695. Male. Sandy Point.

Eyes brown ; bill yellowish tinge ; legs blue.]

25. *Polyborus tharus*, Mol.

*Polyborus tharus*, Scl. et Salv., Nomencl., p. 123 ; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 435.

[No. 679. Male. Isthmus Harbour.

Eyes brown ; bill blue ; cere flesh coloured ; and legs flesh coloured.

No. 684. Male. Port Churrucha.

Eyes brown ; cere orange ; legs yellow ; bill bluish tinge.]

26. *Cathartes aura*, Linn.

*Cathartes aura*, Linn.: Scl. et Salv., Nomencl., p. 123 ; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 435.

*Enops falklandica*, Sharpe, Cat. Birds, vol. i. p. 27, pl. ii.

[No. 731. Female. Falkland Islands.

Eyes brown ; had remains of birds in the stomach.]

We consider Mr Sharpe's generic and specific names for this Vulture alike unnecessary.

Illiger in his Prodrömus (1811), gave two types for his genus "*Cathartes*," *Vultur papa* and *Vultur aura*. In 1816 Vieillot made two genera, *Gypagus* for *Vultur papa* and *Catharista* for *Vultur aura* and *Vultur atratus*. *Cathartes*, however, has been generally used for the latter group ; and there is, in our opinion, no reason whatever for transferring it back to the former, which has an excellent and appropriate name in *Gypagus*. There seem to us to be no sufficient characters to separate the red-headed and black-headed species of *Cathartes* into two genera.

As regards the Falkland Island form of *Cathartes aura*, which Mr Sharpe designates