

district, and three from the Ruzizi Valley; also eight skins of *N. melsagris maxima* Neumann from the highlands of Angola.

Glaucidium tephronotum medje, new subspecies

SUBSPECIFIC CHARACTERS.—Similar to *G. tephronotum pycrafti* Bates of southern Cameroon, but larger, less brownish on crown and back, more rufous on sides of chest and flanks, black spots on underparts narrower and longer.

TYPE.—Adult male; Medje, northern Ituri forest, Belgian Congo; May 7, 1910; collected by J. P. Chapin; Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist. No. 158029.

DESCRIPTION OF TYPE.—Forehead feathers dark brownish gray with hidden whitish bases, crown, nape, and back dark brownish gray, hind-neck with small, half-concealed whitish markings. Upper surface of wings of a somewhat browner tone than back, the outer greater and middle wing-coverts with a faint external margin of deep rufous brown. Remiges blackish brown, with whitish areas invading the inner webs, and, between these, obscure dusky bars. On the distal half of the primaries the dark bars, as seen from below, alternate with grayish ones, but the tips are of nearly uniform dusky color. Under wing-coverts creamy white, with rather large blackish spots on primary-coverts, and a wash of rufous near the outer margin of the wing. Bristly blackish feathers project on lores and chin, otherwise the facial disc is whitish beneath eye, dark gray near ears, but the feathers with whitish bases. Throat whitish with diffuse spots of blackish brown, middle of breast whitish slightly washed with cinnamon, and with numerous blackish spots of elongate-oval form, about 2.6×8 mm. at their largest. Middle of abdomen whitish, under tail-coverts buffy white, each of the longer feathers with a narrow dusky shaft-spot near its tip. Feathering of feet light rufous, the feathers more whitish basally; upper surface of toes with whitish bristles. Rectrices blackish brown above, more grayish beneath, with a series of more or less oval spots of buffy white on inner webs, numbering six on the outermost rectrices, and four on the median pair. Here the basal marking is concealed by the blackish-brown upper coverts, but the three others form a conspicuous row on the upper surface of the tail.

Iris yellow, rim of eyelids yellowish; bill and cere light green; toes yellow, claws grayish.

Wing, 116 mm.; tail, 84; culmen from cere, 11.5.

In addition to the type the American Museum Congo Expedition obtained another male and a female at Medje, and also a female at Nala, between Medje and Rungu. Their measurements are: wing, 116 (♂), 121 (♀), 116 (♀); tail, 83 (♂), 87 (♀), 82 (♀); culmen from cere, 12.5 (♂), 13 (♀), 13 (♀). They are all adult and the uniformity in coloration is well marked. The female from Medje seems a little whiter on the breast than do the others, and on a few of its outermost upper wing-coverts there are some marginal spots of whitish bordered with rufous. One of these skins I compared with the types of *tephronotum* and *pycrafti* at the British Museum. The wings of two males of *pycrafti* from Bitye, southern Cameroon, measured 103, 109 mm.; their tails, 67, 68; culmen from cere, 10.8, 11.