

plates and blocks, will be published as a special volume, which is now in active preparation. In the following pages, meanwhile, short diagnoses of some of the more conspicuous zoological novelties are given.

I. Descriptions of the New Species of Birds.

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(1) *Scops socotranus*.

Adult male:—Most nearly allied to *S. giu*, but paler and greyer, the occiput and nape whitish, with fine transverse mottlings of brownish black; primary coverts mostly rufous, forming a rather conspicuous patch; the tips of the primary quills mostly pale rufous, instead of brownish grey; belly white, with very few black arrow-head markings. The feathering on the tarsus less extended, and terminating 0·2 inch from the basal joints of the toes. Iris yellow; bill blackish horn-colour.

Total length (measured in the flesh), 7·0 inches; wing, 5·0; tail, 2·2; tarsus, 1·25.

Habitat. Sokotra.

(2) *Fringillaria insularis*.

Adult male:—Most nearly allied to *F. tahapisi*, from which it differs in having the inner margin of the secondaries devoid of rufous, and the general colour of the chest and rest of the under parts pale brick colour, instead of dull rufous chestnut. Iris brown; culmen blackish horn; cutting edges of the upper and the whole of the lower mandible orange yellow; tarsi and feet flesh-colour; claws blackish horn.

Adult female:—Similar to the female of *F. tahapisi*, but the inner margins of the secondaries are devoid of rufous, and the chest and rest of under parts are pale brick-colour.

Male:—Total length (measured in the flesh), 5·2 inches; culmen, 0·38; wing, 2·9; tail, 2·2; tarsus, 0·6.

Female:—Total length (measured in the flesh), 5·2 inches; culmen, 0·4; wing, 2·8; tail, 2·25; tarsus, 0·62.

Habitat. Sokotra, from sea level to an elevation of 3500 feet, where its place is taken by *F. socotrana*.

(3) *Fringillaria socotrana*.

Adult male:—A very distinct species, most nearly allied to the male of *F. insularis*, from which it differs in having the rump feathers tipped with white forming a conspicuous white patch. The wing-coverts and basal half of the outer edge of the secondaries dull rufous chestnut; the chin and throat white; the chest and upper breast dull rufous chestnut; the lower breast, belly, and under tail-coverts whitish. Iris dark brown; culmen blackish horn; cutting edges of the upper and the whole of the lower mandible orange yellow; tarsi yellowish flesh; toes dusky; claws blackish horn.

Adult female:—Similar to the male.

Male:—Total length (measured in the flesh), 5·25 inches; culmen, 0·38; wing, 2·75; tail, 2·2; tarsus, 0·65.

Female:—Total length (measured in the flesh), 5·0 inches; culmen, 0·38; wing, 2·6; tail, 2·2; tarsus, 0·65.

Habitat. Adho Dimellus, 3500-4500 feet, Sokotra.