

**A NORTHERN FORM OF TACHYPHONUS DELATRII FROM
NICARAGUA**

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In working over the birds collected by Mr. Street and myself in Northeastern Nicaragua in 1922 I find an apparently undescribed form of *Tachyphonus delatrii* Lafresnaye.

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***Tachyphonus delatrii longirostris* subsp. nov.**

Type: No. 75477 Acad. Nat. Sciences Phila.; ♂ Ad.; Great Falls, Pis Pis River, Nicaragua, April 20, 1922; Wharton Huber and J. Fletcher Street. Colors of soft parts: Iris maroon; bill black, azure at base of lower mandible. Feet and legs black.

Subspecific characters: Similar to *Tachyphonus delatrii delatrii* but larger, particularly in the length of the culmen.

Measurements: (3 adult males for length of wing, tail, tarsus, and depth of bill at base; 2 adult males for length of culmen) wing, 74.7-76.7 (76); tail, 64.8-69.6 (66.7); tarsus, 19.4-20.9 (20.1); culmen, 16.3-17.2 (16.7 two specimens); depth of bill at base, 6.3-7 (6.6) mm. Average measurements of 5 adult males from Colombia including the type of *T. d. delatrii*; wing, 72.3; tail, 59.9; tarsus, 19.6; culmen, 13.9; depth of bill at base, 6.7 mm. Average measurements of 5 adult males from Costa Rica; wing, 74.5; tail, 65.5; tarsus, 19.1; culmen, 15.1; depth of bill at base, 6.7 mm. Average measurements of 2 adult females from Colombia; wing, 63.3; tail, 52.4; tarsus, 17.4; culmen, 12.9; depth of bill at base, 6.2 mm. Average measurements of 5 adult females from Costa Rica; wing, 68.4; tail, 59; tarsus, 18.4; culmen, 13.9; depth of bill at base, 6.3 mm.

Range: The Carribean slope of Nicaragua and adjacent highlands southward.

The specimens collected in Nicaragua are one adult male (the type) and a juvenile (sex ?) in first plumage, at Great Falls, Pis Pis River, April 20, 1922. The young was collected while being fed by a female. Color of iris dark grayish olive. Bill, black; legs and feet, black. Two adult males and an immature male at Eden, May 14, 1922.

A male collected by Dr. Carl Bovallius at San Juan del Norte (Greytown), March 31 (1882 or 1883 ?), is probably referable to this subspecies according to the measurements given by Rendahl. (On a collection of birds from Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, by Hjalmar Rendahl, Arkiv för Zoologi, 1919, Band 12, No. 8, pp. 34-35.)