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A NEW OVENBIRD FROM PARAGUAY

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FROM time to time the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology has received small lots of birds from the vicinity of Horqueta, Paraguay, largely through the interest and generosity of Mr. William G. Fargo, Honorary Curator of Birds. On comparing three ovenbirds in this collection with a large series of topotypical *Phacellodomus rufifrons sincipitalis* Cabanis, belonging to the Field Museum, I notice differences which warrant proposing for the Paraguay birds the name

Phacellodomus rufifrons fargoi, subsp. nov.

TYPE.—University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, No. 76000; male; four kilometers east of Horqueta, Paraguay; 5 September, 1933; Alberto Schulze, original number 467.

CHARACTERS.—In size similar to *Phacellodomus rufifrons sincipitalis* Cabanis, of Tucumán, but with browner (less rufous) upperparts and tail, and more fulvous (less rufescent) flanks and under tail coverts.

Differs from *Phacellodomus rufifrons rufifrons* (Wied), of eastern Brazil, in larger size, browner (less grayish) upperparts, more rufescent tail, more fulvous flanks and under

tail coverts, and less whitish median underparts and sides of head.

MEASUREMENTS.—Wing, 67, 69, 70; tail, 74, 77, 77 mm. in three males from Horqueta. Seven males from Tucumán (*sincipitalis*) are similar: wing, 66–71 (69.0); tail, 74.5–77 (75.6). Eight males from eastern Brazil (*rufifrons*) are small: wing, 60.5–67 (63.6); tail, 64–75 (69.4).

MATERIAL EXAMINED.—*Phacellodomus rufifrons rufifrons*, 10 specimens from Bahia and Minas Geraes.

Phacellodomus rufifrons sincipitalis, 22 specimens from the Province of Tucumán.

Phacellodomus rufifrons fargoi, 3 males from Horqueta, Paraguay, and 2 females in the Field Museum from Descalvados and Urucum de Corumba, Uruguay. The latter show an approach to typical *rufifrons* in whiter underparts and sides of head, but on the whole they are best referred to the new form.

