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TYPE SPECIMENS OF BIRDS FROM MADEIRA IN THE VIENNA NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, AUSTRIA

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O Museu de História Natural de Viena, Áustria, conserva 11 espécimes de aves pertencentes a 7 taxa, colhidos pelo Padre Ernesto Schmitz (1845-1922) e enviados a Victor Ritter von Tschusi zu Schmidhoffen, o qual reuniu uma grande colecção de aves, particularmente da região Paleárctica, na sua casa em Hallein, Salzburgo, Áustria. Esta colecção foi adquirida pelo Museu de História Natural de Viena, em 1906, e incluía os espécimes-tipo de muitas subespécies de aves, 4 das quais ainda consideradas válidas. A lista deste material-tipo é aqui apresentada.

PALAVRAS-CHAVE: Aves, Taxonomia, Holótipo, Síntipo, Madeira.

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The Natural History Museum in Vienna, Austria, houses 11 type bird specimens of 7 taxa collected by Padre Ernesto Schmitz (1845-1922) and sent to Victor Ritter von Tschusi zu Schmidhoffen, who had gathered a big collection mostly of palearctic birds at his home in Hallein, Salzburg, Austria. This collection has been acquired by the Natural History Museum of Vienna in 1906 and included the type specimens of many subspecies of birds. These are still housed in the Vienna Museum four of them still representing acknowledged subspecies. As it is not generally known that these type specimens still exist in the museum collection they may be listed here as follows.

KEY WORDS: Birds, Taxonomy, Type material, List, Madeira, Palearctic.

Caccabis rufa maderensis Tschusi, 1904, Ornith. Jahrb., 15, p. 106,
now = *Alectoris rufa hispanica* (Seoane).

Syntypes:

NMW 38.179, female, collected 18.11.1902 in Paul da Serra, Madeira, ca. 32.40 N and between 17.03 und 17.10 W, No. 5053 in collection Tschusi.

NMW 38.180, male, collected 29.9 (11?). 1903 in Pta. de Pargo, Madeira, 32.43 N, 17.17 W, No. 5332 in collection Tschusi.

Columba palumbus maderensis Tschusi, 1904, Ornith. Jahrb., 15, p. 227-228,
now = *Columba palumbus maderensis* Tschusi, extinct (see ZINO *et al.* 1995: 64).

Holotype:

NMW 42.208, male, collected 30.1.1904 in Boaventura, Madeira, No. 5390 in collection Tschusi.

Motacilla boarula schmitzi Tschusi, 1900, Orn. Jahrb., 11 (H.5/6): 223,
now = *Motacilla cinerea schmitzi* Tschusi.

Holotype:

NMW 60.554, male, collected 20.2.1898 in Arrebentão, Madeira, No. 4682 in collection Tschusi, 2

Sylvia atricapilla obscura Tschusi, 1901, Ornith. Monatsber. IX, No. 9: 129,
now = *Sylvia atricapilla heineken* (Jardine), 1830.

Syntypes:

NMW 59.920, male, collected 13.3.1895 in Funchal, Madeira, No. 4504 in collection Tschusi.

NMW 59.950, female, 25.1.1896, collected in Monte, Madeira, No. 4681 in collection Tschusi.

Sylvia conspicillata bella Tschusi, 1901, Ornith. Monatsber. IX, No. 9: 130,
now = *Sylvia conspicillata bella* Tschusi.

Syntype:

NMW 42.219, male, collected 6.5.1898 in Caniço (Madeira), No. 284 in collection P. Schmitz, No. 4505 in collection Tschusi.

A second syntype, female, collected 5.1.1901 west of W Mercedes (Tenerife, Canary Islands), has been given to the Natural History Museum in Budapest Hungary and has been destroyed during the conflagration of the building in 1956.

Carduelis carduelis parva Tschusi, Ornith. Monatsber., IX, 1901, No. 9, p.131,
now = *Carduelis carduelis parva*.

Syntypes:

NMW 42.213, male, collected 7.6.1898 in Machico (Madeira), No. 3428 in collection Tschusi.

NMW 61.481, female, collected 25.4.1898 in Machico (Madeira), No. 4329 in collection Tschusi.

Cannabina cannabina nana Tschusi, 1901, Ornith. Monatsber., No. 9, p. 130
now = *Acanthis cannabina nana* respectively *Carduelis cannabina guentheri*
in ZINO *et al.* (1995).

Syntypes:

NMW 23.079, female, collected 6.4.1896 in Ribeira Brava, Madeira, (No. 970 in Coll. Schmitz), No.4518 in collection Tschusi.

NMW 23.080, male, collected 13.4.1898 in Caniço, Madeira, (No. 257 in Coll. Schmitz), No.4746 in collection Tschusi.

All these type specimens have been listed by TSCHUSI (1906) in his list of the type specimens in his collection and have been included in Tschusi own handwritten catalogue. As the numbers in the Tschusi collection differ very much it is probable that Tschusi has not acquired them at the same time. Unfortunately only a few specimens still bear the original number in the collection of Padre Schmitz. The specimens of Nonpasseres will already be dealt with in the first part of the type list of birds in the Vienna Museum (SCHIFTER *et al.*, 2007).

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