NOTE XXIX.

ON THE IDENTITY OF STOPAROLA CONCRETA WITH SIPHIA CYANEA

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When revising the genus Siphia and allied genera in the Leyden Museum, I fell upon the fact that our typical males and female of Stoparola concreta (Müller) from the Highlands of Padang (Sumatra) are in striking contrast with the other species of the genus Stoparola, which on the whole is characterized by the sea-green general color, the triangular, flat shape of the bill, the short tarsi and the uniformity in color between male and female. Their strong resemblance with Siphia Everetti, which I brought home from Borneo, led me to the comparison with the description of Siphia cyanea from the mountains of Tenasserim and Perak, a very rare bird which is not represented in the Leyden Museum. This comparison absolutely convinced me that our Sumatran birds are identical with S. cyanea from Tenasserim and Perak. Muscicapa concreta having the priority, the species has to stand in future under the name of Siphia concreta (Müller), the synonymy of which will be as follows:

a. Sumatra.

Muscicapa concreta Müller, Tijdschr. Nat. Gesch. & Physiol. II, p. 351 (1835).

Hypothymis concreta Bp. Consp. I, p. 320.

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Myiolestes concreta Bp. Consp. I, p. 358.

Stoparola concreta Sharpe, Cat. B. Br. Mus. IV, p. 437 (1879); Vorderm. Nat. Tijdschr. Ned. Ind. XLIX, p. 397 (1889).

b. Tenasserim and Malacca.

Muscitrea cyanea Hume, Str. Feath. V, p. 101 (June 1877); Hume & Davison, Str. Feath. VI, p. 207; Hume, Cat. N°. 266 bis.

Niltava leucura Tweedd. Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. 1877, p. 95 (Aug.).

Trichastoma leucoproctum Tweedd. P. Z. S. 1877, p. 366 (Q); Hume, Str. Feath. VII, p. 318 (1878).

Niltava leucoprocta Oates, B. Br. Burma, I, p. 298; Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1888, p. 272 (Perak).

Pachycephala cyanea Gadow, Cat. B. Br. Mus. VIII, p. 224 (1883).

Cyornis cyanea Oates, Faun. Br. Ind., Birds, II, p. 13 (1890). Siphia cyanea Sharpe, Ibis 1890, p. 366.

The four typical specimens (three males and a female) in the Leyden Museum.

Hab. Mountain-region of Tenasserim, the Malay peninsula and Sumatra.

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