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Dear Marvin:

As you know, to write out full descriptions of all the birds you mention would be quite a project. However, I think the notes below will enable you to make the distinctions listed.

1. Necrosyrtes monachus is a small weak-billed bird, not possibly confusable with Pseudogyps africanus, which looks like a small, dark Griffon, with a white rump.

2. Daptrius americanus is black above, abdomen and thighs white, bare throat red, bill yellow.

Polyborus (we use Caracara) plancus is dark brown above, neck, back, rump and fore neck buffy, barred with black, abdomen brown, streaked with black, bill horn-blue.

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3. Milvago chimachima has head, neck and underparts whitish, dark eye streak. M. chimango has head and neck rufous, streaked with blackish, forehead and superciliary black.

4. Tockus erythrorhynchus has a white or pale gray line down middle of back, not present in T. alboterminatus.

5. Otis (we use Tetrax) tetrax has a crest on nape and hind neck, not present in Eupodotis senegalensis.


6. Mycteria americana is the presently accepted name for the American Wood Ibis, formerly known as Tantalus loculator.

7. Coereba flaveola is blackish above, yellow below; Cyanerpes cyaneus is chiefly blue, with yellow in primaries.

8. Himantopus h. melanurus has a white collar on neck, not present in mexicanus.

Hope these notes will be clear and helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,


 Lee S. Crandall
 General Curator Emeritus