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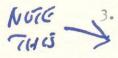
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Dear Marvin:

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. <u>Necrosyrtes monachus</u> is a small weak-billed bird, not possibly confusable with <u>Pseudogyps africanus</u>, 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 <u>Caracara</u>) plancus is dark brown above, neck, back, rump and fore neck buffy, barred with black, abdomen brown, streaked with black, bill horn-blue.



- 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 mape 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,

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