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## THE RACES OF THE SHRIKE

### *Lanius validirostris*

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*Lanius validirostris* is an endemic mountain shrike of the Philippines. Hitherto it was known from three, widely separated mountain areas, each population representing a different subspecies. The collecting of one of us, Rabor, in western Mindanao brought to light another population, representing yet another subspecies. This we name:

### *Lanius validirostris quartus*, new subspecies

*Type*.—Chicago Natural History Museum no. 227258 from Duminagat, 5300–5500 feet, Mt. Malindang, Zamboanga, Mindanao. Adult male collected April 4, 1956, by D. S. Rabor.

*Diagnosis*.—Wing length as in *L. v. validirostris* but bill larger; upper parts darker gray; pale area on forehead and pale superciliary less conspicuous, almost obsolete; center of breast and abdomen whiter (less tinged with buffy); undertail coverts white (not strongly tinged with buffy); and flanks richer and deeper rufous.

*Measurements*.—Wing 93.5; culmen 22 mm.

*Range*.—Known from the type only, from Mt. Malindang at 5300–5500 feet.

*Remarks*.—The four known races are as follows:

1. *L. v. validirostris* Og.—Grant, 1894; Luzon highlands. Wing ♂ 89, 89, 90; ♀ 84, 85. Culmen ♂ 20, 21.5, 21.5; ♀ 19.5, 19.5 mm.

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2. *L. v. tertius* Salomonsen, 1953; highlands of Mindoro. Like (1), but smaller and with flanks, crissum and undertail coverts deeper and darker; breast and abdomen more washed with pale rusty (ex Salomonsen). Wing ♂ 83; ♀ 81 mm. (ex Salomonsen).
3. *L. v. hachisuka* Ripley, 1949; Mt. Apo, Mindanao. Like (2) above, but larger, and breast and abdomen heavily washed with rusty; size as in (1). Wing ♂ 88; ♀ 88. Culmen ♂ 21; ♀ 19.5 mm. (lent by Dr. Ripley).
4. *L. v. quartus*, new subspecies; Mt. Malindang as above.

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