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5	(Aves: Rhinocryptidae): Psiloramphus in and Melanopareia out
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ABSTRACT

31 The tapaculos (Rhinocryptidae) are tracheophone, suboscine birds restricted to South 32 and Central America. Most tapaculos share a number of internal and external 33 characteristics that have been used to define the family taxonomically. The genera 34 Melanopareia and Psiloramphus do not fully fit this pattern and have caused 35 considerable dispute among taxonomists since they were first described. In this paper 36 we delimit the systematic boundaries of the tapaculos and assess their generic 37 relationships by an analysis of molecular sequence data. The results show that while 38 Psiloramphus is nested well within the Rhinocryptidae, Melanopareia falls far outside 39 that clade. A new family is erected for Melanopareia.

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41 **INTRODUCTION**

42 The impudently named tapaculos (Rhinocryptidae) are a small group of tracheophone, 43 suboscine passerines whose greatest generic diversity is in southern South America. 44 Most are large-footed, strong-legged ground birds reminiscent of some of the ground-45 dwelling antthrushes (Formicariidae), with which they were often associated. The 46 family is generally well defined by the presence of operculate nostrils, a tracheophone 47 syrinx, a somewhat curved humerus and a four-notched sternum (Ames 1971, 48 Feduccia and Olson 1982, Maurício et al. 2008). Thus, Krabbe and Schulenberg 49 (2003: 748) considered that the "tapaculos constitute a well-knit group the members 50 of which are united by several derived characters. Only the genera *Melanopareia* and 51 *Psiloramphus* differ to such a degree that their systematic position as tapaculos could 52 be disputed." Furthermore, the phylogenetic relationships within the family 53 Rhinocryptidae are poorly known, particularly regarding the placement of Liosceles 54 and Acropternis, and the large austral species of Pteroptochos and Scelorchilus. 55 The early taxonomic history of the group was ably summarized by Sclater 56 (1874). d'Orbigny (1837) first erected a family "Rhinomyidaeae" (sic., p. 192) for 57 *Pteroptochos* and his *Rhinomya* (= *Rhinocrypta*) using the operculate nostril to 58 separate them from the Formicariidae. However, there was no coherent understanding 59 of the suboscine groups until their distinction from the oscines was established by the 60 pioneering work of Müller (1847) on the syrinx, Müller showed that Scytalopus was a 61 tracheophone suboscine and not a wren (Troglodytidae) and also that Scytalopus and 62 *Pteroptochus* differed from other known passerines in having a 4-notched sternum.

Sclater's (1874) "Pteroptochidae" comprised *Scytalopus* (including the type
species of what later became *Myornis* Chapman, 1915), *Merulaxis, Liosceles, Pteroptochos* (including the type species of what later became *Teledromas* Wetmore
and Peters, 1922, and *Scelorchilus* Oberholser, 1923), *Rhinocrypta, Hylactes* (now
included in *Pteroptochos*), *Acropternis*, and *Triptorhinus* (=*Eugralla*). This
composition of the group was essentially maintained until Peters (1951), except for
the problem genera *Psiloramphus* and *Melanopareia*.

70 The three or four species of Melanopareia differ from other tapaculos by their 71 rather slender build and boldly and attractively patterned plumage, and by sharing a 72 semi-concealed white dorsal patch with various true antbirds (Thamnophilidae). They 73 were originally described in the genus Synallaxis (Furnariidae), in which Sclater 74 (1890) later submerged the genus. Salvin (1876) described a new species from 75 Ecuador as Formicivora speciosa, duly recognized in that combination by Sclater 76 (1890:251) and others until Hellmayr (1906:334) showed that this was a synonym of 77 Synallaxis elegans Lesson, in which genus Hellmayr continued to place it while 78 regarding Salvin's allocation of it to *Formicivora* with incredulity. Ridgway (1909) 79 appears to have overlooked this when he created a new genus Rhoporchilis for 80 Formicivora speciosa. It was Hellmayr (1921) who eventually established the modern 81 concept of the genus in showing that Synallaxis elegans, S. torquata, and S. 82 maximiliani were congeneric and would all fall under Reichenbach's earlier generic 83 name *Melanopareia* and "find their natural place in the Formicariidae", where they 84 stayed for only a few years (e.g. Cory and Hellmayr 1924). Next came the observation 85 of W.D.W. Miller that the sternum of Melanopareia was 4-notched - information that 86 was conveyed to and presented by Wetmore (1926: 292). On this basis, Peters (1951) 87 included Melanopareia in the Rhinocryptidae, where it has resided since. 88 The other problem species, the Bamboo-wren *Psilorhamphus guttatus*, is a 89 small bamboo specialist with a rather long, slender bill, a long tail and relatively weak 90 feet, so that it bears little resemblance to large-footed terrestrial tapaculos (Fig. 1). 91 From the beginning (Ménétriés 1835), it was placed with the antbirds in the 92 Myiotherinae (=Formicariidae). Sclater (1858:243) associated Psilorhamphus with 93 Ramphocaenus (which is now in the oscine family Polioptilidae) in the Formicariidae 94 with the comment that these genera "might perhaps be more naturally placed as a 95 distinct subfamily of Pteroptochidae [=Rhinocryptidae]" despite the fact that "there is 96 little external difference between the appearance of these birds and the true Wrens

97 [Troglodytidae]". We are not aware, however, of any instance in which 98 *Psilorhamphus* was placed in either the Troglodytidae or in a family with only 99 sylviid-like genera, as might be inferred from Krabbe and Schulenberg (2003). 100 Psilorhamphus continued to be associated with Ramphocaenus in the Formicariidae -101 e.g. Sclater (1890) and Cory and Hellmayr (1924:205) – although in the latter 102 reference it was noted that W.D.W. Miller would show Psilorhamphus and 103 Ramphocaenus to "constitute a separate family" in "a paper shortly to be published." 104 Peters (1951: 213) later explained that Miller's death prevented publication of his 105 results but that Wetmore (1943:306) had shown Ramphocaenus to have an oscine 106 syrinx, and had told Peters that *Microbates* likewise was oscine and that he thought 107 based on external morphology that *Psilorhamphus* was also probably oscine. 108 Therefore, Peters postponed his treatment of those genera for a future volume treating 109 Sylviidae. Sick (1954) placed *Ramphocaenus* in the Sylviidae while provisionally 110 referring Psilorhamphus to the Formicariidae. Then, Plótnick (1958) revealed that 111 Psilorhamphus had a 4-notched sternum, a tracheophone syrinx, and had other 112 characters, including an operculate nostril, indicating that it should be placed in the 113 Rhinocryptidae. Thus, in Peters' Checklist Psilorhamphus appears as an addendum to 114 the Rhinocryptidae that appeared in the volume on Sylviidae (Paynter 1964). 115 Heimerdinger and Ames (1967) confirmed that the rhinocryptids they 116 examined all had a 4-notched sternum but also showed that this condition obtained in 117 at least two genera of grallarine Formicariidae, which was confirmed by Feduccia and

118 Olson (1982).

Ames (1971) made a thorough study of the anatomy of the syrinx in passerine birds and examined *Melanopareia* first-hand but had to rely on the description of Plótnick (1958) for *Psilorhamphus*. Although he noted that the cartilaginous elements of *Melanopareia* differed from all other tapaculos examined, he found no grounds for excluding either *Melanopareia* or *Psilorhamphus* from the Rhinocryptidae.

Feduccia and Olson (1982) made the much unexpected discovery that the stapes in *Melanopareia* was of the primitive oscine type with a flattened footplate, rather than having an expanded, bulbous, fenestrate footplate as in all other suboscine birds. They went on to show other morphological similarities (which is all they ever claimed they were) between some of the Rhinocryptidae and the oscine Menurae (*Menura* and *Atrichornis*) of Australia. Although this observation was dismissed on the grounds that the characters involved are either primitive or convergent (Krabbe 131 and Schulenberg 2003), the fact remains that the oscines and suboscines had to share a

132 common ancestor and that the ancestor very likely looked like *Atrichornis*,

133 *Melanopareia*, or one of the Rhinocryptidae such as *Scelorchilus*.

This paper aims to delimit the boundaries of the tapaculos and assess generic relationships within the group, supplementing the very detailed ongoing studies of relationships and speciation of small tapaculos (notably *Scytalopus*; Maurício et al. 2008, Cadena et al. unpublished) by providing a broader phylogenetic framework for the family.

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140 MATERIALS AND METHODS

141 Taxon sampling, amplification and sequencing

142 This study includes representatives of all genera traditionally recognized in

143 Rhinocryptidae (e.g. Ridgely and Tudor 1994, Krabbe and Schulenberg 2003),

144 including representatives of the large genus *Scytalopus*, including one representative

145 *(indigoticus)* of the "blue" species, which were recently placed in a separate genus

146 *Eleoscytalopus* (Maurício et al. 2008). Three of the authors have significant field

147 experience concerning the biology and vocalizations of tapaculos, and this was

supplemented with comments and analyses of sound archives by Niels Krabbe (pers.

149 comm.). Representatives of the main lineages within the tracheophone radiation serve

as outgroups (Ridgely and Tudor 1994, Irestedt et al. 2002, Krabbe and Schulenberg2003, Chesser 2004).

152 Three nuclear gene regions, myoglobin intron 2, ornithine decarboxylase 153 (ODC) introns 6 to 7, and glyceraldehyde-3-phosphodehydrogenase (G3PDH) intron 154 11, were sequenced and used to estimate phylogenetic relationships. For each gene 155 and taxon, multiple sequence fragments were obtained by sequencing with different 156 primers. These sequences were assembled to complete sequences with SEQMAN IITM 157 (DNASTAR Inc.). Positions where the nucleotide could not be determined with 158 certainty were coded with the appropriate IUPAC code. GenBank accession numbers 159 are given in Table 1. See Irestedt et al. (2002), Allen and Omland (2003), and Fjeldså 160 et al. (2003) for extractions, amplifications, and sequencing procedures for fresh 161 tissue/blood samples. Corresponding laboratory procedures for study skins are 162 detailed in Irestedt et al. (2006).

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164 Phylogenetic inference and model selection

Due to the rather low number of insertions in the introns, the combined sequences
could easily be aligned by eye. All gaps have been treated as missing data in the
analyses. Bayesian inference (see, e.g., Holder and Lewis 2003; Huelsenbeck et al.
2001) was used to estimate the phylogenetic relationships. The models for nucleotide
substitutions used in the analyses were selected for each gene individually by
applying the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC, Akaike 1973) and the program
MrModeltest 2.2 (Nylander 2005) in conjunction with PAUP* (Swofford 1998).

172 Posterior probabilities of trees and parameters in the substitution models were 173 approximated with MCMC and Metropolis coupling using the program MrBayes 174 3.1.1 (Ronquist and Huelsenbeck 2003). Analyses were performed for both the 175 individual gene partitions and the combined data set. In the analysis of the combined 176 data set, the models selected for the individual gene partition were used. The chains 177 for the individual gene partitions were run for 5 million generations while the chains 178 for the combined data set were run for 10 million generations. Trees were sampled 179 every 100th generations, and the trees sampled during the burn-in phase (i.e., before 180 the chain had reached its apparent target distribution) were then discarded after 181 checking for convergence, final inference was made from the concatenated outputs.

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183 Sequence lengths and alignments

184 We were able to sequence all three gene regions almost completely for all included taxa (a few sequences miss some base pairs in the 3' or 5' ends in the myoglobin or the 185 186 ODC regions, and in the ODC region all sequences obtained from study skins lack a short fragment of 22 bp in the exon 7). Taking into account the missing base pairs, the 187 188 sequences obtained varied in length between 667–701 bp for the myoglobin intron 2, 189 and between 313–363 bp for the G3PDH intron 11, except for the two antthrushes 190 Chamaeza and Formicarius which contains two large deletions in the G3PDH intron 191 11 which makes these sequences 251–252 bp long. In the ODC region all 192 Rhinocryptidae and Furnariidae taxa have a large deletion in intron 7 and the 193 sequences from these taxa range between 403 and 500 bp, while the sequences for all 194 other taxa range between 586 and 624 bp.

Most indels observed in the introns were autapomorphic and mainly found in certain variable regions. Some indels vary in length between taxa, which makes it difficult to know if these indels are homologous or represent independent evolutionary events. Several apparently synapomorphic indels were also observed when mapping

- 199 the data onto the tree topology obtained from the Bayesian analyses of the combined
- 200 data set. A few indels were also found to be incongruent with the phylogenetic tree
- 201 obtained from the analysis of the combined data set. These were generally found in
- 202 the most variable regions and some of the single base pair insertions actually consist
- 203 of different bases. For more details of indel length and positions see the alignments of
- 204 the individual gene regions deposited at Genbank, accession numbers XX
- 205 (myoglobin), XX (G3PDH), and XX (ODC).
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207 Models for nucleotide substitutions

208 The priori selection of nucleotide substitution models suggested that the GTR + Γ

209 model had the best fit for all three gene regions, but as the nucleotide state frequencies

- and gamma distribution differed between the partitions we applied a partitioned
- analysis of the combined data set. After discarding the burn-in phase the inference for
- 212 myoglobin and G3PDH were based on a total of 45,000 samples from the posterior,
- 213 the inference for ODC were based on a total of 40,000 samples, while the inference
- for the combined data set were based on a total of 95,000 samples. The posterior
- 215 distribution of topologies is presented as a majority-rule consensus tree from the
- 216 combined analysis in Figure 2.
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218 **RESULTS**

The trees obtained from the Bayesian analyses of the individual gene partitions (Fig. 3) are overall topologically congruent. *Melanopareia* clusters with Thamnophilidae and Conopophagidae and we can therefore reject it as a member of the family Rhinocryptidae with high confidence. Apart from this, all traditional tapaculo genera form a monophyletic clade within a broader group which also contains Formicariidae *sensu stricto* and Furnariidae, in agreement with previous molecular studies of tracheophone suboscines (Irestedt et al. 2002, Chesser 2004).

Within the radiation of tapaculos there is also good support for two major clades. Clade 1 includes *Teledromas*, *Acropternis*, *Rhinocrypta*, *Liosceles* and *Psilorhamphus* and Clade 2 includes *Scytalopus*, *Eugralla*, *Myornis*, *Merulaxis* and *Eleoscytalopus*. The only conflict within the rhinocryptid radiation supported by posterior probabilities above 0.95 involves determining to which of the previous two clades *Pteroptochos* and *Scelorchilus* belong. In the ODC tree they group with Clade 1 (0.97), whereas the myoglobin tree indicates that these two taxa are sister to the Clade 2 (1.00). In the G3PDH tree this relationship is unresolved. Based on the
overall congruence of the individual gene trees we believe that the tree obtained from
the combined analysis (Fig. 2) represents the best estimate of the phylogenetic
relationship of the tapaculos and in this *Pteroptochos* and *Scelorchilus* fall out as
sister to Clade 2. This tree is fully congruent with the results of studies using other
genetic markers, but with focus on detailed relationships within Clade 2 (Maurício et
al. 2008 and Cadena et al., unpublished).

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241 **DISCUSSION**

242 Melanopareia resembles members of the Rhinocryptidae in having the lacrimal bones 243 partly fused with the ectethmoid (but the lacrimals are lacking in Conopophagidae, 244 Thamnophilidae, Grallaridae and Formicariidae) and in having a 4-notched sternum. 245 The significance of these characters is uncertain because of the weak cranial 246 ossification in these groups and a considerable flexibility (including varying degrees 247 of developmental asymmetry) in the degree of ossification of the membranes serving 248 as attachment of pectoral muscles (Heimerdinger and Ames 1967). The molecular 249 data reject a close relationship of *Melanopareia* to the Rhinocryptidae. With four 250 closely related extant species, Melanopareia represents a long, unbroken phylogenetic 251 branch, and it may be difficult to tell with confidence whether this clade is nested 252 within the Conopophagidae-Thamnophilidae complex or represents a relictual, basal 253 tracheophone type of bird.

254 Irestedt et al. (2002) associated *Teledromas* with *Melanopareia* primarily 255 because their vocalizations are confusingly similar, and *Teledromas* was considered to 256 resemble a robust and pale version of Melanopareia. Both genera are reported to 257 share a peculiarity of the pterylography of the flank region, and details of the nasal 258 operculum and tarsal scutellation, and an X-ray photo suggested almost straight 259 humeri (approaching those of Melanopareia; Irestedt et al. 2002). However, our DNA 260 data and further examination of skeletal characters reject a closer relationship between 261 them and places *Teledromas* centrally in Clade 1 of the Rhinocryptidae.

262 Psilorhamphus was placed with Polioptiline oscines based on the acutiplantar 263 tarsus, but a similar tarsal scalation is also found in some antbirds, and osteology and 264 syringeal morphology suggested placement with Rhinocryptidae. We were able to 265 confirm from examination of skeletal specimens that Psilorhamphus – as well as *Teledromas* – have the expanded footplate of the stapes typical of other suboscines
(except *Melanopareia*).

268 The distinctive appearance of *Psilorhamphus* may result from its divergent 269 habits (albeit shared with Myornis, N. Krabbe pers. comm.), as it generally feeds by 270 climbing in tangles of vine-like bamboo, occasionally up to 7 m, and it rarely feeds on 271 the ground. This species is also known for its unbelievably loud and low-pitched 272 vocalizations (for its small size, 13.5 cm): A fast series of hollow whistles at 0.9–1 273 kHz. Its sister taxon in Figure 2, Liosceles, also gives hollow whistles, but they are 274 higher pitched (1.3 kHz) and are given at a slower pace; the pace and quality of the 275 song notes of *Psilorhamphus* is most like the songs of larger species of *Pteroptochos*, 276 which are even lower pitched (0.5–0.6 kHz). Interestingly, *Psilorhamphus* shares with 277 Liosceles barred posterior underparts and distinctive whitish subterminal spots with a 278 black outline on the middle and greater wing-coverts. Apart from this, it is difficult to 279 see any external features supporting the suggested relationships within Clade 1.

The possible association of the large Chilean tapaculos (*Pteroptochos*, *Scelorchilus*) with Clade 2 receives some morphological support, as *Pteroptochos* has 14 rectrices, something that is also found in some species or individuals of *Scytalopus*, although other representatives of this genus have a reduced number of rectrices or asymmetrical tails (Krabbe and Schulenberg 2003). Other suboscine birds typically have 12 rectrices, although there are many cases of reduction. Molecular relationships within *Pteroptochos* have been analyzed by Chesser (1999).

287 Within Clade 2, the *Myornis-Eugralla-Scytalopus* group is particularly well 288 defined morphologically by small size and sooty-grey to blackish plumage and 289 atrophied clavicles, which do not form a fused furcula (Maurício et al. 2008). This 290 may reflect reduced flying ability of these specialized birds, which tunnel through the 291 densest parts of the forest understorey. Myornis bears some resemblance to Merulaxis, 292 in shape and juvenile plumage (Krabbe and Schulenberg 2003), but our result does 293 not support such an association. On the other hand, Myiornis and Eugralla clearly fall 294 outside the group of species of Scytalopus that we studied (except with G3PDH) and 295 we therefore support keeping them in separate monotypic genera.

Under "Incertae sedis", Irestedt et al. (2002) introduced a family
"Melanopareiidae (new family, incl. *Melanopareia* and *Teledromas*)" and this family
name has been accepted by SACC (Proposal #239, 2006). These sources, however,
did not meet the requirements of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature

300	(ICZN 1999) as it lacked any description purporting to differentiate the taxon from
301	other taxa, so the name was invalid at that point. The need still remains for separate
302	family status for the genus, which we re-propose here:
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304	Melanopareiidae, new family
305	Type and only included genus: Melanopareia Reichenbach, 1853.
306	Diagnosis: Tracheophone suboscine passeriformes differing from other
307	Tracheophonae except Rhinocryptidae (and a few other taxa: Myrmothera, Hylopezus,
308	Pittasoma, Conopophaga) in having a 4-notched sternum and differing from the
309	Rhinocryptidae and all other suboscines in retaining the primitive morphology of the
310	stapes, with a flat, rather than inflated footplate.
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312	Zusammenfassung
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314	Umschreibung einer monophyletischen Familie für die Bürzelstelzer (Aves:
315	Rhinocryptidae): Psiloramphus rein und Melanopareia raus
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317	Die Bürzelstelzer (Rhinocryptidae) sind tracheophone, suboscine Vögel, deren
318	Vorkommen auf Süd- und Mittelamerika beschränkt ist. Die meisten Bürzelstelzer
319	haben eine Reihe innerer und äußerer Merkmale gemeinsam, die benutzt worden sind,
320	um die Familie taxonomisch zu definieren. Die Gattungen Melanopareia and
321	Psiloramphus passen nicht vollständig in dieses Schema und haben zu beträchtlichen
322	Disputen unter Taxonomen geführt, seit sie erstmals beschrieben worden sind. In
323	diesem Artikel stecken wir die systematischen Grenzen der Bürzelstelzer ab und
324	bewerten ihre Gattungsbeziehungen mit Hilfe einer Analyse molekularer
325	Sequenzdaten. Die Ergebnisse zeigen, dass Melanopareia weit aus dieser Klade
326	herausfällt, während Psiloramphus gut in die Rhinocryptidae hineinpasst. Eine neue
327	Familie wird für Melanopareia eingerichtet.
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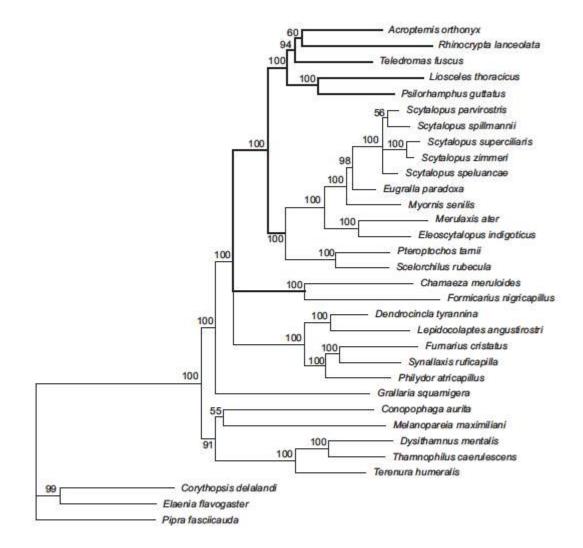
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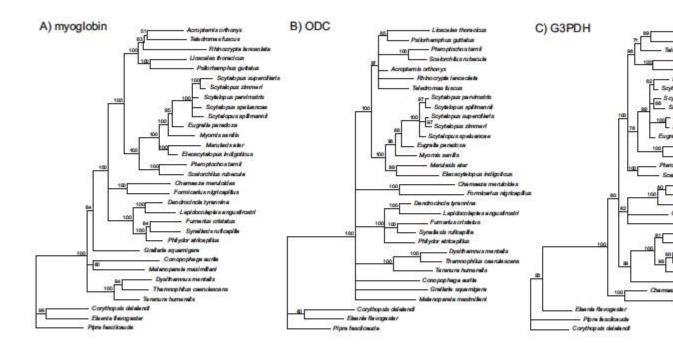
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455	Figure 1. The bamboo-wren <i>Psilorhamphus guttatus</i> bears little external resemblance
456	to typical members of the tapaculo family. With its grey iris, facial expression, bill
457	shape, and wing-coverts with white dots Psilorhamphus instead resembles some
458	antbirds (Dysithamnus, Myrmotherula) with which early ornithologists consequently
459	placed it. Unlike other tapaculos Psilorhamphus spends most of the time above the
460	ground. Photo: Edson Endrigo.
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463	Figure 2. Majority rule consensus tree obtained from the Bayesian analyses of the
464	combined data set (myoglobin intron 2, ODC introns 6 and 7, and G3PDH intron 11).
465	Posterior probability values are indicated at the node.
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468	Figure 3. The majority rule consensus trees obtained from the Bayesian analyses of
469	the individual genes. A) myoglobin intron 2; B) ornithine decarboxylase introns 6 to
470	7; and C) glyceraldehyde-3-phosphodehydrogenase intron 11. Posterior probability
471	values are indicated at the node.
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474	Table 1: Specimen data and GenBank accession numbers for samples used in the
475	study. Samples vouchered with a study skin are indicated by an asterisk. "TP"
476	indicates that the sample is obtained from toe-pads of an old study skin. Acronyms are
477	AMNH, American Museum of Natural History, FMNH, Field Museum of Natural
478	History, Chigaco, USA; NRM, Swedish Museum of Natural History; USNM,
479	University States National Museum, Washington, USA; ZMUC Zoological Museum
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Species	Family: Subfamily	Voucher / Sample No.	Myoglobin	G3PDH	ODC
Acropternis orthonyx	Rhinocryptidae	ZMUC 125695 *	new	new	new
Merulaxis ater	Rhinocryptidae	ZMUC 128820	new	new	new
Pteroptochos tarnii	Rhinocryptidae	AMNH RTC467 *	AY065774 ^{A)}	AY590096 ^{E)}	new
Rhinocrypta lanceolata	Rhinocryptidae	NRM 966793	AY065775 ^{A)}	DQ438953 ^{F)}	DQ435499 ^{F)}
Teledromas fuscus	Rhinocryptidae	USNM BKS3703 *	new	new	new
Psilorhamphus guttatus	Rhinocryptidae	ZMCU? Olson 2005	new	new	new
Myornis senilis	Rhinocryptidae	ZMUC 134967 *	new	new	new
Scytalopus parvirostris	Rhinocryptidae	ZMCU 128441	new	new	new
Scytalopus speluancae	Rhinocryptidae	ZMCU 128818	new	new	new
Scytalopus spillmannii	Rhinocryptidae	ZMUC 125091 *	AY065773 ^{A)}	AY590097 ^{E)}	new
Scytalopus zimmeri	Rhinocryptidae	ZMUC 126278 *	new	new	new
Scytalopus superciliaris	Rhinocryptidae	USNM BKS 3592 *	new	new	new
Eugralla paradoxa	Rhinocryptidae	NRM 570026 *, TP	new	new	new
Scelorchilus rubecula	Rhinocryptidae	NRM 570029 *, TP	new	new	new
Liosceles thoracicus	Rhinocryptidae	NRM 570027 *, TP	new	new	new
Eleoscytalopus indigoticus	Rhinocryptidae	NRM 570028 *, TP		new	new
Melanopareia maximiliani	Rhinocryptidae	ZMUC 125045 *	AY065785 ^{A)}	new	
Furnarius cristatus	Furnariidae: Furnariinae	NRM 966772 *	AY064255 ^{B)}	AY590066 ^{E)}	DQ435482 ^{F)}
Philydor atricapillus	Furnariidae: Furnariinae	NRM 937334 *	AY065758 ^{A)}	AY590076 ^{E)}	EF212110 ^{H)}
Synallaxis ruficapilla	Furnariidae: Furnariinae	NRM 956643 *	AY065763 ^{A)}	AY590068 ^{E)}	EF212119 ^{H)}
Lepidocolaptes angoustirostris	Furnariidae: Dendrocolaptinae	NRM 937184 *	AY065767 ^{A)}	AY336576 ^{G)}	DQ435486 ^{F)}
Dendrocincla tyrannina	Furnariidae: Dendrocolaptinae	ZMUC 125661 *	AY442959 ^{C)}	AY590087 ^{E)}	EF212098 ^{H)}
Chamaeza meruloides	Formicariidae	ZMUC 126604 *	AY065776 ^{A)}	AY590095 ^{E)}	new
Formicarius nigricapillus	Formicariidae	ZMUC 125987 *	AY065777 ^{A)}	new	new
Grallaria squamigera	Grallariidae	ZMUC 124629 *	AY065778 ^{A)}	AY677078 ^{C)}	new
Dysithamnus mentalis	Thamnophilidae	NRM 956629 *	AY676995 ^{C)}	AY677042 ^{C)}	new
Terenura humeralis	Thamnophilidae	FMNH 389941	AY677004 ^{C)}	AY677051 ^{C)}	new
Thamnophilus caerulescens	Thamnophilidae	NRM 967007 *	AY065783 ^{A)}	AY336587 ^{G)}	DQ435504 ^{F)}
Conopophaga aurita	Conopophagidae	ZMUC 125796 *	AY065784 ^{A)}		DQ435478 ^{F)}
Conopophaga lineata	Conopophagidae	NRM 956653 *		AY336577 ^{G)}	
Pipra fasciicauda	Pipridae	NRM 947271 *	AY065787 ^{A)}	AY336583 ^G)	DQ435495 ^{F)}
Corythopsis delalandi	Tyrannidae	NRM 937282 *	AY065788 ^{A)}	DQ435463 ^{F)}	DQ435479 ^{F)}
Elaenia flavogaster	Tyrannidae	NRM 966970 *	AY228295 ^{D)}	new	new