

Another New Bird for Australia.

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*Acanthiza marianæ* sp. n.—Everard Range Tit:—

All upper surface (with the exception of tail coverts), bluish grey; feathers of the forehead tipped with white, those

of the crown having a distinct streak of black down the centre; wings dark brown, each feather edged with greyish white, tail brownish black, basal half dull reddish brown, each feather broadly tipped with buffish white; upper tail coverts reddish brown; throat and breast greyish white; flanks buff, abdomen and under tail coverts white; ear coverts grey, tipped with white; eyebrow and ring round eye white; iris dark red; bill and feet black. Sexes alike.

Measurements of dry skin:—Total length, 98 m.m.; bill, 9 m.m.; wing, 51 m.m.; tarsus, 19 m.m.; tail, 42 m.m.

Type:—A male collected between Moorelyanna Native Well and the Everard Ranges in the North-west of South Australia on August 1st, 1914.

The bird which is most closely allied to this species is *Acanthiza uropygialis condor*, but this new species differs in having a stouter bill of quite a different shape; the iris is of a very dark shade of red, while *A. uropygialis condor* is white, the bluish grey of the upper surface is of quite a different shade to any other *Acanthiza* in Australia.

Habitat:—Dense mulga scrubs in the vicinity of the Everard Ranges, North-west of South Australia.

I name this bird in honour of Mrs. G. M. Mathews, of England.

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