

Gerygone fusca: The Brown Warbler.

Gould's Description of *Gerygone fusca* Amended by E. Ashby.

Description of *Gerygone fusca* (Gould), Gould's "Handbook," Sp. 156, p. 268, the word "white" should be amended to "brown."

Description.—"The centre tail feathers brown; the remainder *white*" [brown] "at the base, succeeded by a broad band of deep blackish brown, round which is a broad stripe of white, which entirely crosses the outer feathers, but only the inner webs of the remainder, the tips pale brown. (In some specimens the outer feather is white right across, in others barely so)."

I do not know whether the quotation ends before or after the concluding words in brackets.

I have this moment got down my specimens of *fusca* and find that with the substitution of "brown" for "white" where italicized above the description is absolutely accurate for my specimens.

On the other hand, the description as it stands is not accurate for the Western Australian bird that we have known as *culicivora*, and I think rightly so, in that the white is carried across the outer web in more than the pair of outer feathers. If one refers to the plate of Gould one will find that *fusca* is applied to the bird with a brown base to the tail feather and *culicivora* to the one with the white base to the tail feather; if so, the plate is quite right, and to make Gould's work accurate the word "brown" needs substituting for "white" in the one place. In no other way can Gould's work be made accurate, whichever way you take it.