

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

North, A. J., 1897. On a new sub-species of *Psophodes crepitans*. *Records of the Australian Museum* 3(1): 13. [7 January 1897].

doi:10.3853/j.0067-1975.3.1897.1119

ISSN 0067-1975

Published by the Australian Museum, Sydney

nature culture **discover**

Australian Museum science is freely accessible online at
<http://publications.australianmuseum.net.au>
6 College Street, Sydney NSW 2010, Australia



ON A NEW SUB-SPECIES OF *PSOPHODES CREPITANS*.

BY ALFRED J. NORTH, C.M.Z.S., Ornithologist.

For many years past I have known that the specimens of *Psophodes* collected by Messrs. Cairn & Grant in 1887 and 1889 at Boar Pocket, North-eastern Queensland, were different in several respects from the *P. crepitans*, inhabiting New South Wales and Victoria. While lately examining the Reference Collection I found another skin from the same locality, which was obtained by Mr. W. S. Day on the 4th of May, 1891. As all the specimens collected at Boar Pocket at wide intervals are alike, I take the present opportunity of pointing out the distinctive characters of this northern race of *Psophodes crepitans*.

PSOPHODES CREPITANS LATERALIS, subsp. nov.

Adult.—Like *P. crepitans*, Gould, but differs in having the lateral feathers of the tail, which is shorter, tipped with pale-brown instead of white. Moreover, the sides of the lower flanks are olive-green, whilst in *P. crepitans* they are ashy-brown. Total length 9·8 inch; wing 3·9, tail 5·4, bill 0·9, tarsus 1·3.

Hab.—Boar Pocket, N.E. Queensland.

Type.—In the Australian Museum, Reg. No. O·4645.

Remarks.—I have selected the largest and finest specimen as the type. The tail measurements of two more adult males from the same locality are respectively 5·2 and 5 inches. Specimens of *P. crepitans*, obtained in the Illawarra District of New South Wales vary in the total length from 10·5 to 11 inch. and in the length of the tail from 5·75 to 6·1 inch.

Boar Pocket is situated on the table-lands of the Upper Barron River, about thirty-two miles from Cairns.
