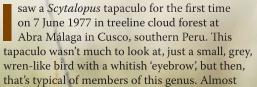
Celebrating Scytalopus

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The radical overhaul of the taxonomy of the Neotropical genus Scytalopus (tapaculos) has been one of the most remarkable ornithological achievements of recent decades – and it's still ongoing. Who better to offer a personal perspective on developments that a man who has long been associated with tapaculos, and even has one named after him?



all of them are small and grey, variably mixed with brown, and with or without some paler markings on the face; truly distinctive *Scytalopus* are few and far between. I thought this bird was cute, and, as the first member of the family Rhinocryptidae that I had seen, I made a mental

