

Splits, lumps and shuffles

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This series focuses on recent taxonomic proposals – descriptions of new taxa, splits, lumps or reorganisations – that are likely to be of greatest interest to birders. This latest instalment includes: a pending split in Barred Owl; many splits and six (!) new species in the ‘Rufous Antpitta complex’; likely splits in Necklaced Spinetail, Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant and Rufous-capped Warbler; and no lumps!



1 The highly disjunct Mexican subspecies of Barred Owl *Strix varia sartori* (Reserva Ecológica Sierra de San Juan–La Noria, Nayarit, Mexico, June 2015; Andrew Spencer: ebird.org/profile/OTAONjc) proves to be vocally and genetically distinct from Barred Owl in the United States and Canada, as well as from **2** Fulvous Owl *S. fulvescens* of southernmost Mexico to Honduras (Parque Regional Municipal Zunil, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, April 2019; Dubi Shapiro: pbase.com/dubisha).