

Splits, lumps and shuffles

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This series focuses on recent taxonomic proposals – descriptions of new taxa, splits, lumps or reorganizations – that are likely to be of greatest interest to birders. This latest instalment includes an unexpected pattern of relationships in Amazilia Hummingbird; potential splits in both Common and Xingu Scale-backed Antbirds, in Orange-billed Sparrow, and in Grey-browed and Chestnut-capped Brushfinches; and the prospect of a lump (!) between Crimson-hooded and Band-tailed Manakins.



1 Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia dumerilii*, AYAMPE, Manabí, Ecuador, December 2019 (Daniel Pacheco Osorio: @wings_from_ecuador). Although its distribution is not particularly large, Amazilia Hummingbird exhibits a remarkable level of geographic variation – and Cowles *et al.* (2022) provide an important new genetic perspective on the taxa involved.