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I am sending you, herewith, the results of the comparison but I regret very much only being able to make them for [Eupsych-]ortyx leucopogon, for the type of Pitylus lazulus of Lesson is not represented in the collections of the Museum (in fact we have only one small part of Lesson's types; the others are in the Museum of La Rochelle, or possibly scattered in other collections).

On the other hand, I have found the type of Ortyx leucopogon described by Lesson and coming from San Carlos. The specimen which you have sent me is, just as you think, exactly like this bird, only the type has the front of the neck and breast more definitely washed with rufous, which would to some extent perhaps justify the original phrase of Lesson "Collari antici, rufo" [with a rufous collar in front] (Rev. Zool., 1842, p.175). In all other particulars the two birds are very certainly identical and in consequence very different from the species described in error in the "Catalogue of Birds" as Eupsychortyx leucopogon (Lesson).

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