

A new name for the Montserrat Forest Thrush

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Two independent studies analysed phylogenetic relationships in the genus *Turdus* and related taxa, showing that the genera *Cichlherminia*, *Nesocichla* and *Platycichla* are deeply nested within *Turdus* and should be merged in the latter (Voelker *et al.* 2007, Nylander *et al.* 2008).

The subspecies of Forest Thrush endemic to Montserrat Island has consistently been recognised as a valid taxon (Sharpe 1903, Hellmayr 1934, Bond 1956, Ripley 1964, Clement & Hathway 2000, Dickinson 2003, Collar 2005) and is currently known as *Cichlherminia lherminieri lawrencii* Cory, 1891 (original combination *Cichlherminia lawrencii* Cory, 1891). With the merging of *Cichlherminia* in *Turdus*, the name *lawrencii* becomes preoccupied by *Turdus lawrencii* Coues, 1880. No junior synonyms exist for the Montserrat Forest Thrush and I propose:

Turdus lherminieri montserrati nom. nov.

as a replacement name for *Cichlherminia lawrencii* Cory, 1891. The name refers to the subspecies' range.

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