CORRECTION OF "ABERRANT PLUMAGE IN A BLACK-AND-WHITE TANAGER (CONOTHRAUPIS SPECULIGERA)"

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In Lebbin (2005), I erroneously described a semiconcealed white crown patch in a male Black-and-white Tanager (Conothraupis speculigera) captured in Peru as an aberrant plumage character for this species. Although not described nor illustrated by Isler & Isler (1999) and Ridgely & Greenfield (2001), the semiconcealed white crown patch was described by Witt (2005). All adult male C. speculigera specimens at Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science (n = 4; LSUMZ 31456, 113916, 113929, 172388) show this semiconcealed white crown patch. This white patch is absent on all non-adult male C. speculigera skins (females n = 14; "female?" n = 1, immature males n = 16), including 5 immature males showing mostly single black feathers on the lores, malar, or sides of breast, but not on the crown or nape (LSUMZ 28638, 113919, 113926, 113932, 113941). Upon consulting with specimen material, it is clear that this plumage feature is not aberrant and had been previously described. I must have overlooked this plumage feature when handling the first male (which I described as not having the concealed white patch in Lebbin 2005) at Playa Bonita.

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