

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 is a ‘splitfest’, with many splits in two species of schiffornis and in Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, the prospect of a number of splits in Royal Flycatcher, and even a split in Masked Flowerpiercer.



1 A proposed six-way split has been proposed in the Royal Flycatcher *Onychorhynchus coronatus* complex, including *O. mexicanus*, Laguna Lagarto Lodge, Alajuela, Costa Rica, June 2023 (Carlos Roberto Chavarría: costicarainforestexperience.com).