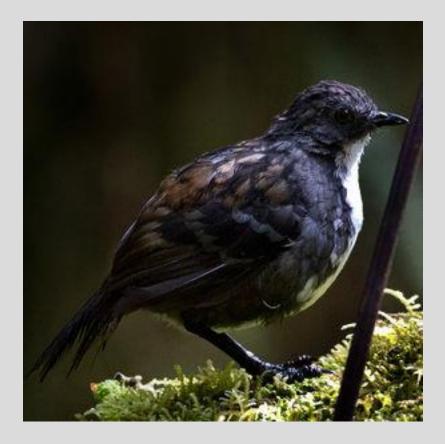
Orthonyx novaeguineae

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Phylogeny:

Taxonomy: Orthonyx Novae Guineae A. B. Meyer, 1874, Arfak Mountains, New Guinea. Formerly considered conspecific with O. temminckii, but recent studies indicate significant genetic differences from latter, possibly even at genus level; also differs vocally. Genetic analysis suggests also the possibility that nominate race may be a separate species from dorsalis and victorianus; last two races sometimes merged. Racial identity of population recently found in EC New Guinea (Tari area, in Southern Highlands Province) unknown. Three subspecies recognized. (source: Handbook of the Birds of World)