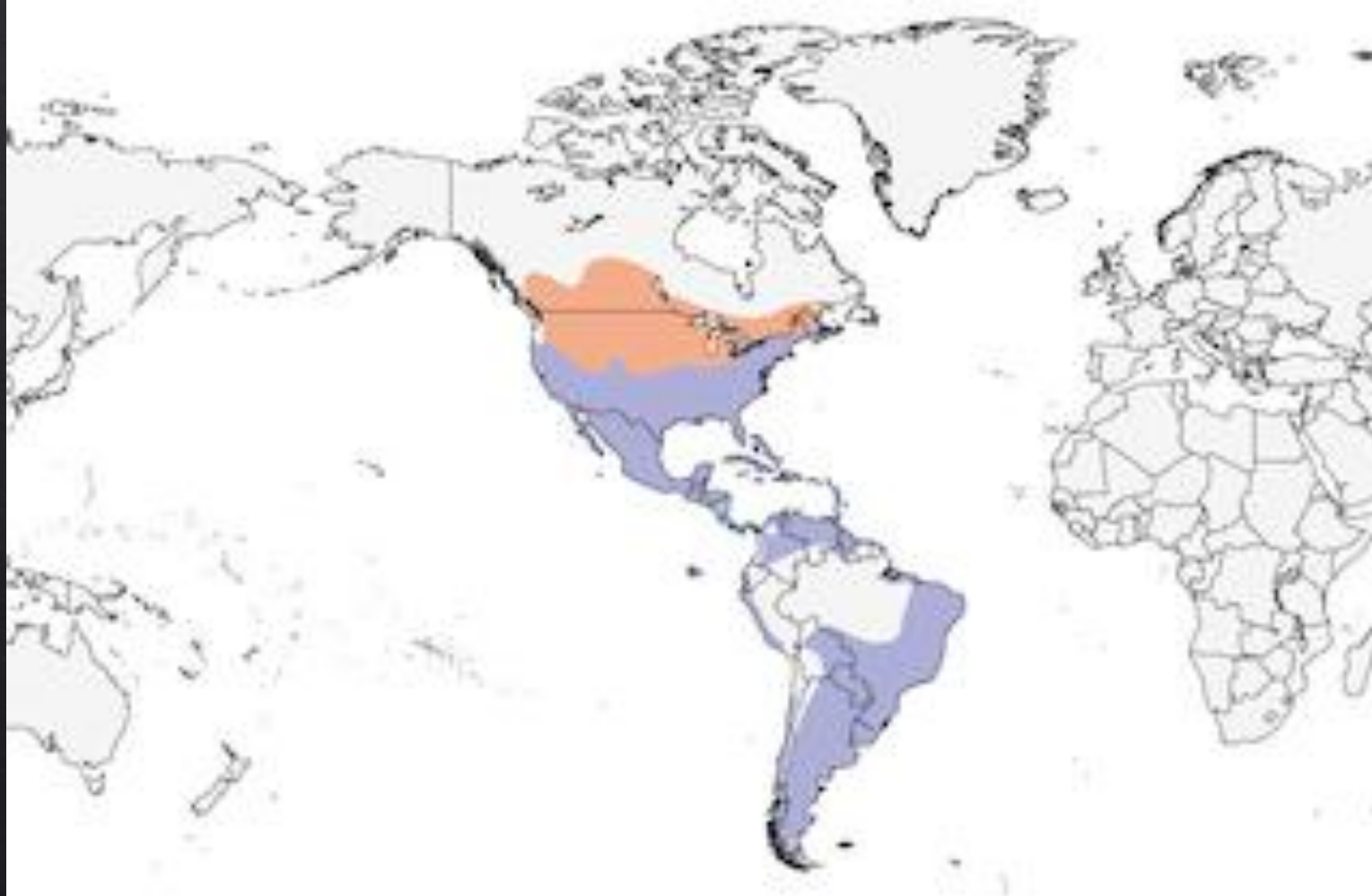


# Thrashers



Order: Passeriformes

Family: Mimidae— 10 genera, 35 species worldwide, 8 species regular in ABA area



# Brown Thrasher



- *Toxostoma rufum*
- Low tangled thickets and dense understory
- Suburban woodlands and hedges
- Forages on ground, takes berries in winter



- Rich musical phrases each repeated two or three times

# Brown Thrasher



- Rich rufous back
- Buffy underparts
- Dark streaks, often brown at flanks

# Brown Thrasher



- Bill heavy, slightly downturned
- Lower mandible pale
- Yellow eye
- Brownish face

# Brown Thrasher



# Long-billed Thrasher



- *Toxostoma longirostre*
- Dense dry scrub woodlands and mesquite thickets
- Riparian woodlands
- Forages on ground
- Sings from prominent perches



- Rich musical phrases, harsher than Brown and less paired

# Long-billed Thrasher



- Cinnamon back
- White underparts
- Black streaks, extend to undertail

# Long-billed Thrasher

- Bill longer, thinner, more downcurved, darker
- Grayer face
- Darker orange eye



# Long-billed Thrasher



# Curve-billed Thrasher



- *Toxostoma curvirostre*
- Dry desert brush, grasslands with cactus
- Suburbs in desert areas
- Forages on ground, often in open
- Call a distinctive “whit-wheet!”
- Song harsh and buzzy run-on of two-note phrases



# Curve-billed Thrasher

- Large and sturdy, big head
- Dingy brownish gray above
- Slightly paler underparts with smudgy gray spots
- Grayish flanks



# Curve-billed Thrasher



- Long curved bill
- Orange eye stands out on bland face

# Curve-billed Thrasher



# Curve-billed Thrasher



# Crissal Thrasher



- *Toxostoma crissale*
- Mesquite thickets
- Dry desert streambeds
- Ground foraging, shy
  
- Song soft and musical with doubled and tripled phrases



# Crissal Thrasher



- Larger than Curve-billed
- Dark brownish gray
- Overall plain
- Long, slender, curved bill
- Dark malar stripe
- Rusty undertail coverts

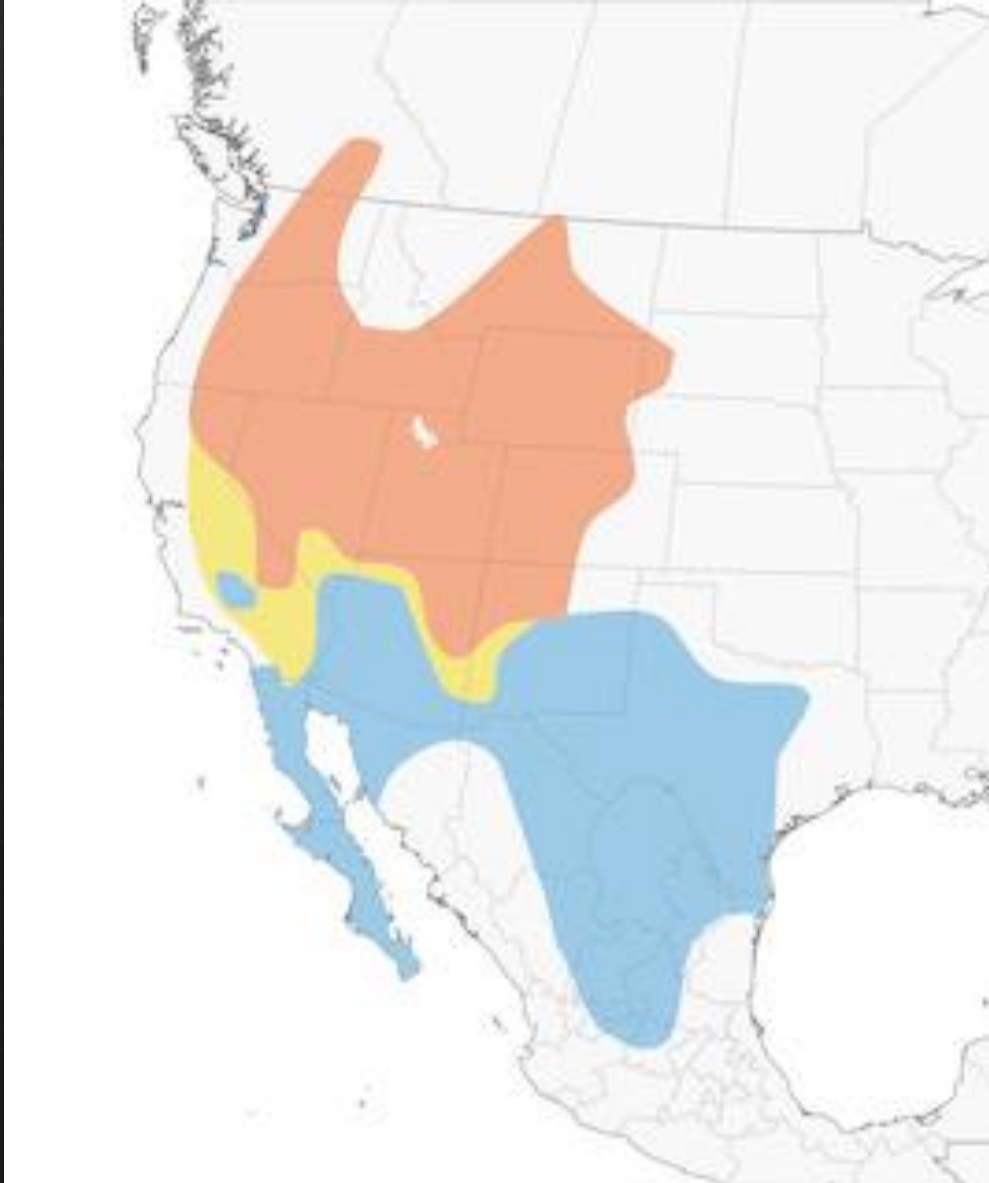
# Crissal Thrasher



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# Sage Thrasher



- *Oreoscoptes montanus*
- Dry open country with low brush
- Mostly forages on ground like a robin
- Not shy
  
- Song a long-winded warble of mellow whistles, little pitch change



# Sage Thrasher



- Small and compact
- Like a streaky mockingbird
- Overall gray-brown
- Streaked underparts
- Thin wingbars
- White tail corners

# Sage Thrasher



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