

Genus ACANTHAGENYS, Gould.

CHARACTERES GENERICI.

Rostrum caput æquans, compressum, leviter arcuatum, ad apicem acutum, naribus sub-basalibus, mandibulæ superioris tomis ad apicem indentatis, et delicatè serratis; plagâ nudâ a basi mandibulæ infra oculos excurrente; genis infra plagam spinis subrigidis tectis. Alæ mediocres; remige primo brevissimo tertio, quarto, et quinto æqualibus ceterosque excellentibus. Cauda mediocris sub-æqualis. Pedes validi; digito postico forti, digitumque intermedium anticum eccellente; externo ad intermedium basalitè conjuncto; unguibus incurvis.

Hoc genus ad illud *Anthochæra* dictum appropinquat, differt caudâ æquali, plagâ faciali nudâ genisque spinosis.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill equalling the head, compressed, slightly arched, acute at the tip; nostrils sub-basal, the edges of the upper mandible notched near the tip, and delicately serrated, from the base of the mandible a naked stripe runs below the eyes, and below this the cheeks are covered with stiff spines; wings moderate, the first quill-feather very short, third, fourth, and fifth longest and equal; tail moderate, nearly equal; feet robust, hind toe strong and longer than the middle, outer united at its base to the middle, claws hooked.

This genus approaches *Anthochæra*, but differs in having the tail equal, a naked facial stripe, and the cheeks spinose.

ACANTHAGENYS RUFOGULARIS, Gould.

Capite superiore, dorso, alisque fuscis, plumis ad marginem pallidioribus; uropygio, tectricibusque caudæ albis, in medio fusco tinctis; strigâ post oculos, et ad latera colli nigrescente; super strigam lateralem colli, lineâ albescente, fusco adpersâ; setis genarum albis, et infra ad basin mandibulæ inferioris lineâ plumarum, albo nigroque fasciatarum; gulâ pectoreque summo pallidè rufis; corpore subtùs sordidè albo, plumis fusco notatis; caudâ nigrescenti-fuscâ, apice albo; plagâ faciali nudâ, rostrique basi aurantiacis; rostri apice, pedibusque nigris.

Long. tot. $9\frac{3}{4}$ unc.; rostri, $1\frac{1}{8}$; alæ, $4\frac{1}{2}$; caudæ, $4\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, 1.

Crown of the head, back and wings dusky brown, each feather margined with pale brown; upper tail-coverts with each feather dusky brown in the centre; stripe behind the eye and on the sides of the neck black, above which on the side of the neck another line of whitish mingled with dusky; hairs on the cheeks white; below the lower mandible a line of feathers, which are white crossed by black lines; throat and fore part of the chest pale rufous; under surface dirty white, each feather striated with dusky brown; tail blackish brown, tipped with white; bare part of the face and base of the bill orange; point of the bill and feet black.

SYN. *Acanthagenys rufogularis*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.



Acanthygenys ruficapilla.



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