

## Plate V.

1. *Apogon guttulatus*, nat. size.
2. *Apogonichthys marmoratus*, nat. size.
3. „ *Darnleyensis*, nat. size.
4. *Ambassis Papuensis*, nat. size.
5. *Diagramma crassilabre*,  $\frac{1}{4}$  nat. size.

## Plate VI.

1. *Tetraroge Darnleyensis*, nat. size.
2. *Sillago gracilis*, nat. size.
3. *Homalogrystes Guntheri*,  $\frac{1}{6}$  nat. size.

## Plate VII.

1. *Gerres Cheverti*, nat. size.
2. „ *longicaudis*,  $\frac{4}{5}$  nat. size.
3. „ *bispinosus*, nat. size.
4. „ *carinatus*, nat. size.

## Plate VIII.

1. *Lethrinus Papuensis*,  $\frac{1}{2}$  nat. size.
2. „ *laticaudis*,  $\frac{1}{3}$  nat. size.
3. *Gerreomorpha rostrata*  $\frac{2}{7}$  in nat. size.

## Plate IX.

1. *Pachymetopon squamosum*, about  $\frac{1}{3}$  nat. size.
2. *Scorpiis vinosa*, nearly nat. size.
3. *Opisthognathus maculatus*, over  $\frac{1}{2}$  nat. size.

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Note on *Poëphila Gouldiæ*, by E. PIERSON RAMSAY, F.L.S.,  
Curator of the Australian Museum.

Since my last remarks on this species I have received a letter from my friend, Mr. Armitt, of Queensland, who informs me that the male of the bird I exhibited at our last meeting *had a red head and a long pointed tail*. Mr. Armitt also informed me that they

had built a nest near his camp, so he had frequent opportunities of watching the birds, and they were the only pair of the kind he had up to that time met with.

I am fully convinced that the female of *Poëphila mirabilis* has been described by Mr. Gould as *P. Gouldiæ*. The fact of the birds with black heads and more highly colored breasts being found breeding with similar but less brightly tinted females does not prove that they are a distinct species, but is easily accounted for if we remember that many birds are found breeding before they attain the fully adult plumage; and I have no doubt further investigation into this matter will prove that the *young males* retain the plumage of the *adult female* for a considerable period before obtaining the *red* heads which characterise the *fully adult males*. It is much to be regretted that the name bestowed on this beautiful finch by Mr. Gould, in honour of his talented and departed wife, must sink into a synonym. The name of *Poëphila mirabilis*, that previously employed, and originally given to these birds by Messrs. Hombron and Jacquinot must be resumed, and *Poëphila Gouldiæ* must in future be recognised as the female of *P. mirabilis* of Hombron and Jacquinot.

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