

In conclusion, it may be as well to add, for form's sake, that I now adopt the old names of *spinulosum* and *dilatatum* for these species, from conviction that they have the claim of priority.

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XLVI.—*Characters of six new species of Nepalese Birds.* By BRIAN H. HODGSON, Esq., late British Resident at Nepal.

Parus jouchistos.—Back and wing-coverts gray, slightly tinged with olive; cheeks, breast, abdomen and tail-coverts rufous; top of the head shining black; a line from the base of culmen extending over the crown of the head to the nape rufous white; throat gray; quills and tail blackish brown, margined with gray, and the two outer tail-feathers with white.

Length $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches; bill from gape 4 lines; wings $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches; tarsi 9 lines.

Parus seriophrys.—Yellowish olive; coverts of wings, quills and tail-feathers blackish brown, the former with pale tips, the two latter margined with greenish yellow; under surface yellowish white; a spot of bright yellow over each eye.

Length 4 inches; bill from gape 4 lines; wings $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches; tarsi 8 lines.

Parus dichrous.—Cinereous; forehead, cheeks, and throat brownish white; breast and abdomen pale rufous; quills and tail-feathers brown, margined with cinereous.

Length $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill from gape 5 lines; wings $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches; tarsi 9 lines.

Oreocinclla rostrata.—Upper surface uniform ochraceous brown; beneath ochraceous white, the fore part of neck spotted with black, the feathers of the breast and abdomen margined with black; a line from the nostrils through each eye white; under tail-coverts white with dusky edges on the outer sides.

Length 11 inches; bill from gape $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch; wings $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches; tarsi $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

Ianthocinclla (Trochalopteron) subunicolor.—Olivaceous, tinged with rufous on the lower part of the back, some of the feathers of the upper part of the back margined with black; quills black, basal part of outer webs bright yellow, the other part gray; tail with middle feathers olivaceous brown, the outer feathers black, tipped with white.

Length $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches; bill from gape 9 lines.

Leiothrix (Proparus) chrysotis.—Cinereous, tinged with olive on the uropygium; forehead blackish cinereous; throat silvery gray; breast and abdomen yellow; wing-coverts and quills black, the latter margined internally with white, and exteriorly with

orange-yellow ; tail blackish brown, margined exteriorly with yellow.

Length 4 inches ; bill from gape 5 lines ; wings 2 inches ; tarsi 9 lines.

XLVII.—*Notice of some Rarities found on the West Coast of Scotland.* By the Rev. DAVID LANDBOROUGH.

IN this lazy world a person is often much indebted to the eyes and hands of others in helping him to observe and collect. How helpful might colliers and fishermen be, the former being so often in the bowels of the earth, and the latter by their lines and nets coming so often in contact with the depths of the sea ! But they *canna' be fashed*. From one obliging fisherman in Milport, island of Cumbrae, who has not learned to say "I canna be fashed," I have got many curiosities. He has sent me at least half a dozen examples of *Halichondria infundibuliformis*, the funnel-sponge. One of them is figured in Dr. Johnston's interesting 'History of British Sponges.' The last, got a few months ago, is the variety which ranked for a time as a distinct species under the name of *H. ventilabra*, and is now in the well-stored and liberally-yielding cabinet of Mr. Bean of Scarborough.

From the same quarter I got this last summer a piece of iron-stone, which brought up with it some curiosities from the deep sea. It was studded with *Crania personata*, so firmly cemented to the stone that only the upper valve could be detached. There was on the same stone a specimen of *Serpula vitrea* of rather rare occurrence. And winding over the surface of the stone, there was something like a flat sea-worm of a flesh-red colour, having at intervals the appearance of round puckered mouths. I thought I had seen its like before, but as I had mislaid the specimen with which I wished to compare it, I sent it to Mr. W. Thompson, Belfast, a kind resolver of doubts, who informed me that it was, as I had suspected, *Zoanthus Couchii*.

From the same obliging fisherman I got, this summer, *Psolus phantapus*, which was new to me ; but respecting which I could have no doubt, from its corresponding so well with the figure and description given by Professor Forbes in his 'History of British Starfishes,' &c.

On the shore at Ardrossan I found this summer, among some sea-weeds, what was new to me, and I believe is rare, *Aplysia punctata*. Even *Aplysia depilans* is rare here.

Acteon viridis, Mont. (sp.).

In a little rocky pool of sea-water, about halfway betwixt Brodick and Corrie, on the Arran shore, I discovered in July 1844



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