

CORACIAS AFRICANA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum cultratum apice incurvato, basi pennis denudatum.

Lingua cartilaginea, bifida.

Pedes ambulatorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 159.

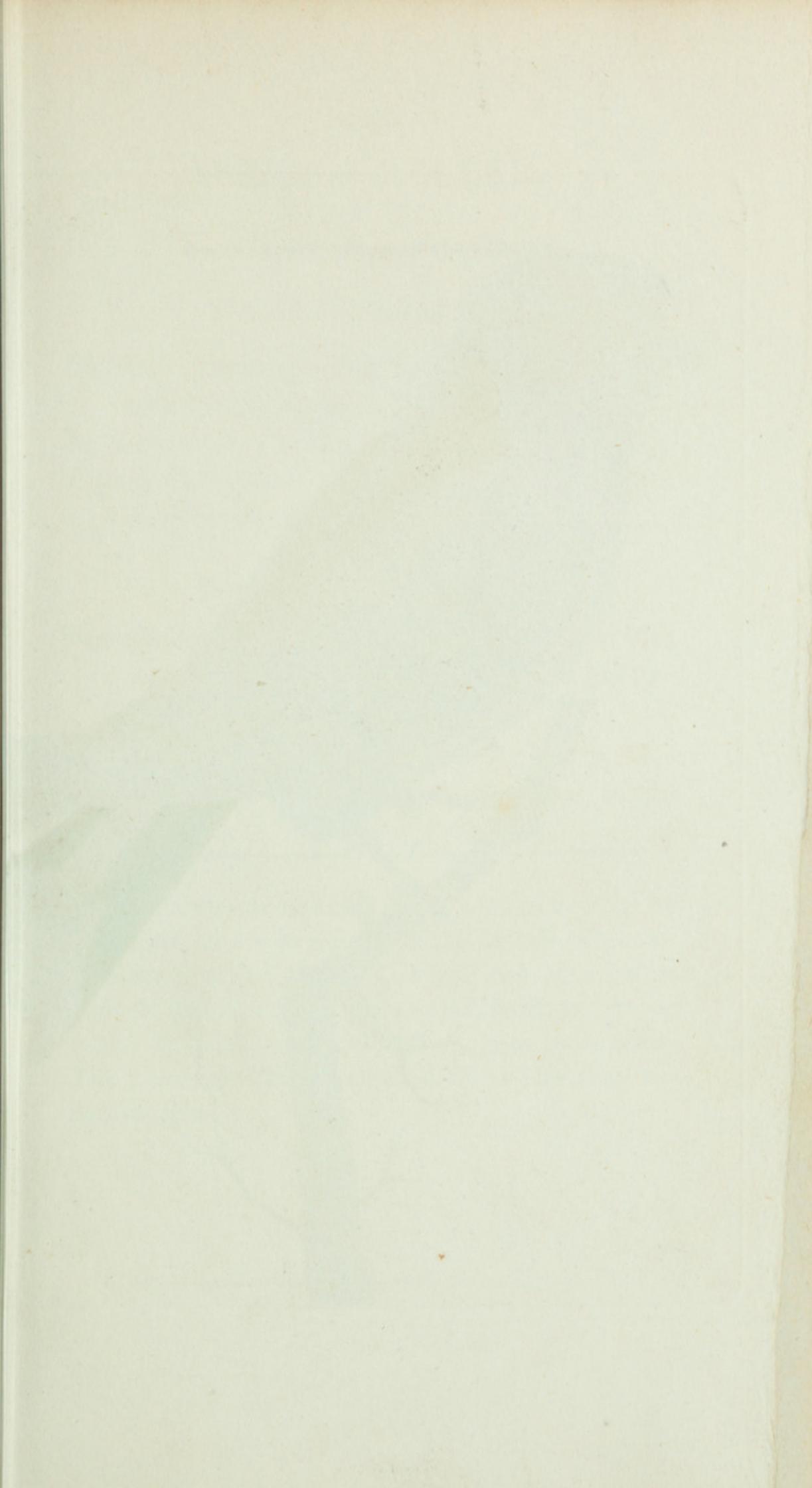
CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CORACIAS ferruginea, subtus cæruleo-purpurea, remigibus cyaneis, rectricibus thalassinis apice cyaneo-nigricantibus.

Coracias Afra. C. testaceo-rubra, subtus purpureo-rubescens, crisso cæruleo-viridi, remigibus rectricibusque cæruleis, apice nigricantibus.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 172.

Africana esse creditur rarissima avis, cujus veram magnitudinem tertia parte deminutam in tabula depinximus. Facie seu habitu generali, cum rostrum sit latissimum, breve, et validum, simillima est Coraciæ tum Madagascariensi tum Orientali, a quibus tamen discrepat coloribus. In Museo Britannico affervatur specimen unde iconem hanc nostram delineari curavimus.





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THE
AFRICAN ROLLER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill straight, bending a little towards the end; cul-
trated at the edges.

Nostrils narrow; naked.

Legs generally short: toes divided to their origin;
three forwards and one backwards.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Ferruginous ROLLER, lilac-coloured beneath;
with blue wing-feathers and sea-green tail tip-
ped with black.

AFRICAN ROLLER.

Lath. syn. suppl. p. 86.

This extremely rare bird is supposed to be a native of Africa, and is preserved in the British Museum. It is nearly allied to the Oriental and Madagascar Rollers, having a remarkably broad, short, and strong beak; but differs in color from both those birds. The plate represents it about a third less than the natural size.



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