

COLUMBA AUSTRALIS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum rectum, versus apicem descendens.

Nares oblongæ, membrana molli tumida semitectæ.

Lingua integra.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

COLUMBA viridis, alis nigris, tectricibus flavo marginatis.

COLUMBA AUSTRALIS. C. viridis, abdomine crisso femoribusque maculatis, humeris violaceis.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 604.

Palumbus viridis Madagascariensis.

Briss. av. 1. p. 142.

Columbam domesticam (inquit Brissonus) crassitie circiter adæquat hæc avis, ab apice rostri ad caudam extremam undecim pollices et sex lineas longa. Caput, collum, pectus, venter et latera sunt viridi-olivacea. Dorsum, uropygium, caudam superne tegentes pennæ et tectrices alarum ejusdem sunt coloris sed saturatoris. In parte alarum suprema macula rubescens adest. Renisges superne nigricant, inferne cinerascunt, et ipsarum oræ exteriores sunt sulphureæ. Majores alarum tectrices eodem colore terminantur. Pennæ imum ventrem et crura tegentes eodem viridi quo corpus tingitur, sulphureo et nigricante variegantur. Rostrum cinereum; pedes et digitus rubri. Habitat in insula Madagascariensi.

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THE
MADAGASCAR PIGEON.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill strait, descending towards the tip.

Nostrils oblong, half covered by a soft tumid membrane.

Tongue entire.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Green PIGEON, with black wings; the coverts edged with yellow.

PIGEON Ramier verd de Madagascar.

Buf. ois. 2. p. 540. *Pl. Enl.* 111.

MADAGASCAR PIGEON. Var. A.

Lath. Synops. 2. p. 641.

This species, according to Brisson, is about equal in size to a common domestic pigeon; measuring eleven inches and six lines from the tip of the bill to that of the tail. The head, neck, breast, belly and sides are olive-green: the back, rump, upper tail and wing-coverts of the same colour, but deeper. On the upper part of the wing is a reddish spot. The larger wing-feathers are blackish above, and ash-coloured beneath, with sulphur-coloured edges: the larger coverts are also tipped with the same colour. The under parts of the body and the thighs are of the same green colour with the body, and varied with blackish and yellow marks: the bill is ash-coloured; the legs and feet red. It is a native of the island of Madagascar.



Shaw, George. 1806. "The Madagascar Pigeon, Columba australis [Pl. 709]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 17(CCIV), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.311146>.

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