PHYTOTOMA ABYSSINICA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum conicum, rectum, serratum.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PHYTOTOMA 'nigricans, capite pectoreque
rubris, pedibus tridactylis.

PHYTOTOMA tridactyla.

Daudin Orn. 2. p. 366. pl. 28. f. 1.

Quod ad physicos pervenerit notitia Phytotomæ Abyssinicæ debetur omnino celeberrimo Brucio ; a quo iconem adeptus Buffonus avem descripsit. Cum in Loxiæ speciebus haberi solita sit, Daudinus in præcellenti suo opere ornithologico novum ei genus non immerito instituit, cui titulum dedit *Phytotomæ*. In tabula depingitur juxta magnitudinem naturalem.

THE
ABYSSINIAN PLANT-CUTTER.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill conical, strait, serrated.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Blackish PLANT-CUTTER, with red head
and breast, and three-toed feet.

Phytotome D'Abyssinie.

Daud. Orn. 2, p. 366.

It is to the celebrated Mr. Bruce that we owe the first knowledge of this curious bird, which is a native of Abyssinia, and was described by Buffon from a drawing communicated by that adventurous traveller.

It has been generally considered as a species of *Loxia*; but Mons. Daudin, in his excellent ornithological work, has with great propriety instituted for it a new genus, under the title of *Phytotoma* or *Plant-Cutter*. The plate represents it in its natural size.

Shaw, George. 1805. "The Abyssinian Plant-Cutter, *Phytotoma abyssinica* [Pl. 725]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 17(CXCVI), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.311162>.

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