



RAMPHOMICRON RUFICEPS. (Gould)

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Red-capped Thorn-Bill.

Trochilus (—?) *ruficeps*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., part xiv. p. 89.

Mellisuga ruficeps, Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. i. p. 112, *Mellisuga*, sp. 29.

Ramphomicron ruficeps, Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av., p. 79, *Ramphomicron*, sp. 3.

WITH the exception of *Ramphomicron microrhynchus*, this is the least species of the genus with which I am acquainted; it is most nearly allied to *R. heteropogon*, but may at once be distinguished from that species by its red crown and by the nearly uniform hue of the gorget or throat-mark. A single specimen only graces my collection; the discovery of which is due to Mr. Bridges, who brought this and numerous other treasures from the interior of Bolivia. The only other species of *Ramphomicron* with a red crown is the beautiful *R. Herrani*; but with this bird the *R. ruficeps* can never be confounded.

Mr. Bridges informed me that the specimen above alluded to was found by him at Unduave, in the Yungas of La Paz.

Crown deep rusty red; throat lustrous bronzy green; upper surface green; under surface brownish green; tail pure bronze; wings purplish brown; bill black.



Gould, John. 1857. "Ramphomicron ruficeps, Gould., Red-capped Thorn-Bill. [Pl. 188]." *A monograph of the Trochilidæ, or family of humming-birds* 3, <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.316997>.

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