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THE only example I have yet seen of this very distinct species of Humming-Bird was obtained at Xalapa in Southern Mexico, by M. Rafael Montes d'Oca. I have placed this new bird in the genus *Amazilia*, because I believe it to be a member of that group; at the same time I am aware that there is no other species of this genus that is similarly coloured: it has many characters in common with a bird in the Loddigesian collection, to which M. Bourcier has given the name of *Norrisi*; but after a careful comparison of the two birds side by side, I can come to no other conclusion than that they are distinct from each other. The *Norrisi* has much the appearance of a young male of *Cyanomyia cyanocephala*, having a white breast and a slight tinge of blue on the crown; and were not the specimen mounted and placed in the centre of a large case, I could have instituted a more minute comparison, and by this means have been enabled to settle this point more to my satisfaction. The native country of the *Norrisi* is Bolaños.

In naming this bird after its discoverer, I have been anxious to bear testimony to the great zeal and activity displayed by M. d'Oca in collecting the natural productions of Mexico; his name deserves perpetuation, too, for the masterly manner in which his specimens have been prepared and sent to Europe.

Crown, sides of the head, throat and breast glittering grass-green, with a few of the white bases of the feathers showing on the centre of the throat; back of the neck and upper part of the back deep green; upper and under wing-coverts, flanks, lower part of the back, upper tail-coverts and tail greenish bronze; under surface of the base of the outer tail-feathers reddish buff; wings purplish brown; base of the secondaries reddish buff; abdomen pale brown; under tail-coverts light bronze margined with white; bill black, lighter beneath; feet brown.

The figures are the size of life. The plant is the *Tropæolum umbellatum*.

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