SUTHORA WEBBIANA, G. R. Gray.

Webb's Suthora.


A single specimen of this new bird graces the national collection at the British Museum; to which it was presented by Mr. Webb, a gentleman who has been instrumental in introducing to our notice considerable collections of birds and quadrupeds from the neighbourhood of Shanghai in China, in which district the present species was collected. It is in every respect a typical Suthora, and far exceeds in size both S. Nipalensis and S. fufifrons; independently of size, it also differs from them in its more quiet and sombre colouring. It was brought under the notice of ornithologists at a late Meeting of the Zoological Society of London by Mr. George Robert Gray, who gave it the specific name of Webbiana, as a compliment to the donor of this and many other interesting birds to the British Museum.

In order to give variety to the accompanying Plate, the bird has been figured in two positions. Crown of the head and back of the neck sandy red, passing into the olive tint of the back and upper surface generally; tail of the same colour, but of a shade darker than the back; primaries strongly edged with bright rufous; throat and breast light buff, washed with a rosy tint; abdomen inclined to olive; bill light brown, washed with rosy pink; legs either yellow or fleshy white.

The figures are of the natural size.
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