



CINNYRIS GOULDIAE.

TAB. LVI.

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Cin. capite supra, gulâ colloque in fronte, regione auriculari, strigâ utrinque gracili ad latera colli usque ad humeros extendente, uropygio, caudæ tectricibus, rectricibusque duabus mediis elongatis purpureo et cæruleo metallicè splendentibus; capitis lateribus, occipite, nuchâ, scapularibus, dorso summo, ptilisque sanguineo-rubris; dorso imo, pectore, abdomineque sulphureis, his sanguineo sparsis; remigibus rectricibusque lateralibus fuscis.

Longitudo corporis, 5 unc.

THIS very elegant little bird—named after Mrs. Gould, by whom the “Century” was delineated—was received from the highest portions of the Himalaya, to which it is supposed to be principally confined. The delicately formed tribe to which it belongs represent in India that equally beautiful group the Humming Birds of America. Like the *Trochilidæ*, the *Cinnyridæ* subsist much upon insects of small size, which they seek for in the centre of expanded flowers or among the leaves of plants. Little else of their habits can be stated with certainty. The *Cinnyris Gouldiæ* is an exceedingly rare species, and, as far as is yet known, the specimens now figured from, are a unique addition to the treasures of science.

The top of the head, ear-coverts, throat, a spot on each side of the chest near the shoulder, tail-coverts, and the two middle tail-feathers, are of a rich metallic blue with brilliant purple reflections; the back and sides of the neck, and shoulders, are deep sanguineous red; the rump and under surface bright yellow, the latter having a few sanguineous dashes; the quills and outer tail-feathers dark brown.

The bird is figured of the natural size, in two positions, in order to show the markings.



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