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*Vin. supra olivaceo-, subtùs flavo-, viridis; capite in fronte pectoreque aureis; alarum tectricibus, regioneque interscapulari vinaceo-purpureis; caudâ cuneatâ.*

Longitudo corporis, 15 unc.

ALTHOUGH this species of *Vinago* will be remarked as greatly resembling that which is figured in the next Plate, its wedge-shaped tail (that of *Vinago militaris* being square,) offers a very distinct character of difference between them; *Vinago Sphenura* also is strictly confined to the higher regions of the Himalaya, while the other has been frequently received from the low districts around them: the former therefore must undoubtedly be considered as a species new to science. As such, it has been figured in the "Century," though its beauty of form and colouring render it, in point of exterior appearance alone, by no means unworthy of being illustrated.

The head, neck and chest, are greenish yellow, the top of the head and breast having a tinge of golden orange; the top of the back, and wing-coverts, vinaceous purple; the back tail-coverts, middle tail-feathers, scapulars and greater wing-coverts, olive green; the quills brownish black; the outer tail-feathers incline to ash-colour.

The bird is figured of the natural size.





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