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Rosy-breasted Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Vertice, nuchâ plumisque auricularibus intensè sanguineo-rubris ; pectore rosaceo.*

Fœm. *Vertice genisque intensè fuscis ; pectore et abdomine pallidè ochraceo-fuscis.*

Male.—Head, back of the neck, and ear-coverts dark blood-red, approaching to black on the forehead and ear-coverts; throat black; back and upper tail-coverts cinnamon; wing-coverts and secondaries black, crossed with fine irregular lines of white; primaries black, margined externally with white; two centre tail-feathers reddish chestnut, tipped with black; the two next on each side wholly black; the three outer ones blackish brown at base, largely tipped with white; the shafts and a series of tooth-like markings on the inner webs blackish brown; chest delicate rose-colour, the remainder of the undersurface scarlet; “bill bright yellow, the base green; ophthalmic region ultramarine blue; inside of the mouth yellow; feet olive-green; the palms and claws yellow; irides brown.”

Total length 12 inches, *bill* 1½, *wing* 5½, *tail* 8.

Female.—Crown of the head, cheeks, and upper surface dark cinnamon-brown; throat clouded with blackish brown; breast and all the undersurface light sandy-brown, becoming of a yellower hue on the under tail-coverts; wing-coverts and secondaries blackish brown, crossed with lines of sandy brown; tail as in the male.

Trogon ardens, Temm. Pl. Col. 404.—Id. Mon. of Trog. in Pl. Col.—Gould, Mon. of Trog., pl. 35.

— (*Harpactes*) *ardens*, Gould, Mon. of Trog., List of Plates, no. 35.

Harpactes ardens, Gould, Mon. of Trog., Syn. Spec., gen. *Harpactes*, sp. 7.—Gray, List. of Spec. of Birds in Coll. Brit. Mus., part ii. sec. i. *Fissirostres*, p. 44.—Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. i. p. 70, *Harpactes*, sp. 7.—Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av., tom. i. p. 151, *Harpactes*, sp. 7.—Cassin, Unit. States Expl. Exp. Mamm. and Orn., 1858, p. 229.—Gould, Birds of Asia, part xiv. pl. 7.

Pyrotrogon ardens, Bonap. Consp. Vol. Zygod. p. 14, gen. 5, c. 38.—Cab. et Heine, Mus. Hein., Theil iv. p. 159.

Harpactes rodiostrernus, Peale, Zool. Unit. States Expl. Exp., Birds, 1st edit. vol. viii. 1848, p. 166.—Hartl. Wieg. Archiv. tom. viii. pt. 1. p. 112

THE Rosy-breasted Trogon is adorned with so many beautiful markings, of which the brilliant colouring of its bill and the extremely delicate rosy hue of its breast are the most conspicuous, that it almost, if not entirely, outvies every other species of its genus. It was first described by M. Temminck, with the specific appellation of *ardens*, from a female in the collection of the Baron Laugier de Chartrouse, of Paris; this

example, which at that time was unique, had been obtained at Mindanao. Since that period specimens have been brought to England by the late Hugh Cuming, from Manilla; I myself have received several fine examples from other parts of the Philippine Islands, and more recently still I have had the opportunity of examining specimens in the Museum at Washington, which had been obtained by the United States Exploring Expedition in the Island of Mindanao—the locality whence came Baron Laugier's specimen; but the species is still comparatively rare in the cabinets of Europe.

The researches of the American naturalists enable me to give a more correct representation of this beautiful bird than I could when the first edition of this Monograph was published, they having carefully noted the colouring of the soft parts. The information respecting it is still, however, extremely meagre, the following short note, transcribed from the 'Mammalogy and Ornithology of the United States Exploring Expedition, 1858,' being all that has been recorded:—"Both Dr. Pickering and Mr. Peale mention the occurrence of this fine species on the Island of Mindanao, one of the Philippines. The latter remarks, 'Our specimen was killed on the 31st of January, near Sambuanga, in the Island of Mindanao. It sits crosswise on the small branches of trees and bushes, and is very active in taking insects on the wing. The clear sunlight, at three o'clock in the afternoon, did not appear to incommode it or others observed at the same time.'"

The Plate represents two sexes, of the size of life. The plant is the *Hoya cinnamomifolia*.

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