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Kasumba Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Vertice, gutture pectoreque nigris, hóc posticè torque albo; abdomine et strigá inde ductá nuchamque cingente coccineis.*

Fœm. *Magis obscura; capite guttureque saturatè grisescenti-brunneis; pectore arenaceo-brunneo.*

Male.—Head, throat, and chest jet-black; breast, abdomen, and under tail-coverts deep rose-red, separated from the black of the chest by a crescentic band of white; from below the eye round the back of the neck a narrow band of red; back and upper tail-coverts yellowish brown; wings black, the coverts and tertiaries transversely rayed with fine irregular lines of white, and the shafts of the primaries white at the base; two middle tail-feathers chestnut-brown, tipped with black; the two rest on each side wholly black, the remainder black at the base, and white for the rest of their length, with dark shafts; orbits light violet-blue, becoming of a more fleshy hue near the eyes; bill blue; gape light violet-blue; irides dark brown; feet brown.

Total length about 12 inches, *bill* 1, *wing* $6\frac{1}{2}$, *tail* $6\frac{1}{2}$.

Female.—Head and throat greyish brown; white band on the breast much less conspicuous, under surface sandy brown; markings of the wings bolder, and of a sandy hue, instead of pure white.

Trogon kasumba, Raffl. Linn. Trans. vol. xiii. p. 282.

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——— *Temminckii*, Gould, in Proc. of Zool. Soc., part iii. 1835, p. 29.—Id. Mon. of Trog. pl. 29.

——— *flagrans*, Kuhl, Tijdsch. Nat. Gesch. 1835, p. 336.

Harpactes kasumba, Blyth, Cat. of Birds in Mus. Asiat. Soc. Calcutta, p. 80.—Gould, Birds of Asia, part viii. pl. 6.—Horsf. and Moore, Cat. of Birds in Mus. East Ind. Comp., vol. ii. p. 715.—Sclat. in Proc. Zool. Soc., part xxvii. 1859, p. 460, and 1863, p. 213.

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Trogon (Harpactes) Temminckii, Gould, Mon. of Trog., List of Plates, sp. 29.

"*Trogon Condea*, Cuv.," Blyth, Cat. of Birds in Mus. Asiat. Soc. Calcutta, p. 80.

Pyrotrogon kasumba, Cab. et Heine, Mus. Hein., Theil. iv. p. 158.

Kasumba of the Sumatrans.

THE countries inhabited by this species are Malacca, Sumatra, and Borneo, from all of which I have specimens in my own collection.

In a letter received from Mr. Wallace in 1856, when he was engaged in exploring the Islands of the

Indian archipelago, that gentleman, writing from Singapore, says, "You will think I have forgotten to write to you about the Trogons; but I have not neglected the subject. I remained two months on this island, where the jungle is now only to be found in small patches, but did not meet with any, and I doubt if there be a Trogon in the island. At Malacca, however, whence I have just returned, I met with them. I think there are four species; but as I only obtained males of three, I cannot be certain. Two are of an ordinary size, and two are smaller. One of the larger I take to be *Harpactes Kasumba*: I send you a coloured sketch of the soft parts that you may make a correct drawing for your work. The habits and economy of the Indian Trogons assimilate closely to those of the American."

As nothing can exceed the beauty of this noble bird, the appearance the males must present in their native forests cannot fail to be attractive in the extreme, especially when the rich scarlet colouring of their breasts is contrasted with the equally brilliant green of the luxuriant vegetation of Malacca.

The sexes present a marked difference in the colouring of their plumage, as will be seen on reference to the opposite Plate, where they are accurately depicted, of the size of life.

In Mr. Sclater's notes to the "Observations on the Birds of South-eastern Borneo, by the late James Mottley, Esq.," published in the volume of the Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London for 1863, it is mentioned that specimens were obtained at Bangkank, on the Riam Kiwa, and that the species is one of the principal birds of omen of the Dyaks.

Gould, John. 1869. "Kasumba Trogon, *Harpactes kasumba*." *A monograph of the Trogonidæ or trogons* 2, -. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.323634>.

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