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Mountain Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Capite, gutture pectoreque lutescentibus; ventre aurantiaco in medio, et ad crissum flavo.*

Fœm. *Capite, pectore dorsoque sordidè brunneis; ventre flavo, ad latera subaurantiaco.*

Male.—Crown of the head, throat, and chest greenish yellow; back and upper tail-coverts rich deep chestnut; wings black, their centres rayed with strong bars of white; primaries margined externally with white; two centre tail-feathers rich deep chestnut, crossed at the tip with a narrow band of black, the two next on each side black; three outer feathers black at the base and white at the tip; breast and flanks rich orange, becoming paler on the belly and vent; thighs black; bill black at the tip, yellow at the base; legs and feet flesh-colour.

Total length 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, *bill* $\frac{2}{3}$, *wing* 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, *tail* 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Female.—Head, chest, and all the upper surface dull brown, becoming richer on the lower part of the back and the two middle tail-feathers; the transverse marks on the centre of the wings yellow instead of white, and the under surface yellow, inclining to orange only on the flanks.

Trogon oreskios, Temm. Pl. Col. 181.—Id. Mon. of Trog. in Pl. Col.—Steph. Cont. of Shaw's Gen. Zool., vol. xiv. part 1, p. 220.—Less. Traité d'Orn., p. 121.—Gould, Mon. of Trog., pl. 36.

Harpactes Gouldii, Swains. Class. of Birds, vol. ii. p. 337.

— *oreskios*, Gould, Mon. Trog., syn. spec. *Harpactes*, sp. 8.—Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. i. p. 71, *Harpactes*, sp. 8.—Gray, List. of Spec. of Birds in Coll. Brit. Mus., part ii. sect. i. *Fissirostres*, p. 45.—Blyth, Cat. of Birds in Mus. Asiat. Soc. Calcutta, p. 80.—Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av., tom. i. p. 151, *Harpactes*, sp. 8.—Horsf. and Moore, Cat. of Birds in Mus. East Ind. Comp., vol. ii. p. 716.—Gould, Birds of Asia, part xvii. pl. 3.

— *oreskios*?, Wald. in Proc. of Zool. Soc. 1866, p. 538.

Trogon (Harpactes) oreskios, Gould, Mon. Trog., List of Plates, sp. 36.

Oreskios Gouldi, Bonap. Consp. Vol. Zygod., p. 14, gen. 5 d. 41.

Orescius Gouldi, Cab. et Heine, Mus. Hein., Theil iv. p. 161.

THE native country of the *Harpactes oreskios* is Java, where it appears, from the number of skins sent to Europe, to be tolerably common, and where all the specimens in my collection have been obtained. I have never seen the bird from Malasia, Tenasserim, or any portion of the Malay peninsula; but it is stated by Viscount Walden, in the Proceedings of the Zoological Society above referred to, to have been found by Captain Beavan at Kookarit Island, Salween River; his Lordship, however, qualifies this statement with a mark of doubt as to the identity of the bird there observed with the present species. It is to be regretted that neither Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles nor Dr. Horsfield, by both of whom the *Harpactes oreskios* must

have been seen in its native wilds, has given any account of its habits and economy. It is a richly coloured species, and is rendered conspicuously different from all its congeners by the peculiar waxen yellow tint of its head and throat, and by the absence of any naked skin round the eyes. The scarlet tints which predominate in the plumage of many of the other species is replaced in the present one by orange, particularly on the breast and under surface. It must be a very beautiful object in its native woods; but with the departure of life the glory of its plumage disappears, for it is never to be seen in dried skins.

When treating of this species in the 'Planches Coloriées,' Temminck states that science is indebted to MM. Diard and Reinwardt for the first knowledge of its existence; and Kuhl informs us that it inhabits woods and mountains, and subsists on insects.

The sexes offer the usual differences, the female being less brilliant, and having the wings barred with yellow and brown instead of black and white.

The figures represent the two sexes, of the size of life. The plant is the *Hoya (Otostenma) lacunosa*.

Gould, John. 1869. "Mountain Trogon, *Harpactes oreskios*." *A monograph of the Trogonidæ or trogons* 2, -. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.323637>.

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