

NANODES VENUSTUS, Vig. & Horsf.

Fig. 1.

Nan. vittâ cæruleâ frontali, suprâ metallicè cæruleo angustè marginatâ ; loris lineâque supra poneque oculos splendide flavis ; vertice, dorso, uropygio, tectricibus caudæ, gulâ, pectore, lateribusque olivaceo-viridibus ; humeris tectricibusque alarum intense cæruleis ; primariis nigris, tribus vel quatuor primis ad marginem viridi lavatis ; abdomine medio crissoque flavis ; rectricibus caudæ quatuor intermediis viridescenti-cæruleis, reliquis ad basin externè cæruleis flavo terminatis ; rostro pedibusque fuscis.

Long. tot. $8\frac{1}{2}$ unc. ; alæ, $4\frac{1}{8}$; caudæ, 5 ; tarsi, $\frac{1}{2}$.

A conspicuous bar of deep indigo blue across the forehead, bordered above by a narrow edging of light metallic blue ; lores, and a stripe above and behind the eye, rich yellow ; crown of the head, back, rump, upper tail-coverts, throat, chest, and flanks brownish olive green ; shoulders and wing-coverts deep blue ; primaries black, the outer edges of the first three or four slightly tinged with green ; centre of the abdomen and under tail-coverts yellow ; four middle tail-feathers greenish blue, the basal portions of the remainder beautiful blue on their outer edges, and largely tipped with fine yellow ; bill and feet brown.

SYN. *Psittacus venustus*, Temm. in Linn. Trans., vol. xiii. p. 121.

————— *chrysostomus*, Kuhl. Consp. Psitt. in Nov. Act., &c., vol. x. p. 50. No. 78. t. 1.

Blue-banded Parrot, Lath. Gen. Hist., vol. ii. p. 188.

Nanodes venustus, Vig. and Horsf. in Linn. Trans., vol. xv. p. 278.

Remark. The female or young of this species I have not been able satisfactorily to determine ; but judging from specimens in my possession, they approach very nearly to the female of the preceding, with this exception, that there is a slight indication of the bar on the forehead.

Habitat. Australia : locality, New South Wales.

NANODES ELEGANS, Gould.

Fig. 2.

MAS. *Nan. vittâ frontali purpureâ, suprâ lineâ metallicè cæruleâ marginatâ ad auriculas tendente ; loro splendide flavo ; capite, genis, dorso, tectricibusque caudæ olivaceo-viridibus aureo lavatis ; humeris cæruleis, primariis nigris, primis quatuor ad marginem viridescens ; secundariis alâque spuria nigris ; gulâ pectoreque viridescens-flavis, hoc colore in flavum, abdomine crissoque transeunte ; abdomine centrali pallide aurantiaco ; rectricibus caudæ duabus intermediis viridescens-cæruleis, reliquis ad basin cæruleis, amplè flavo terminatis ; rostro pedibusque intense fuscis.*

FEM. vel MAS JUNIOR *vittam frontalem caret, et colorem habet indistinctiorem.*

Long. tot. 9 unc. ; alæ, $4\frac{5}{8}$; caudæ, $5\frac{1}{4}$; tarsi, $\frac{1}{2}$.

MALE. A conspicuous bar of deep indigo blue across the forehead, bordered above by a narrow edging of light metallic blue, which is continued over the eye to the ear-coverts ; space between the bill and the eye rich yellow ; head, cheeks, and back, and upper tail-coverts olive green with a golden tinge ; shoulders blue, primaries, secondaries, and spurious wing black ; outer edges of the four first quills slightly tinged with green ; throat and chest greenish yellow passing into bright yellow on the abdomen and under tail-coverts ; centre of the abdomen pale orange ; two middle tail-feathers greenish blue, the remainder blue at the base and largely tipped with yellow ; bill and feet dark brown.

FEMALE or YOUNG. Wants the bar on the forehead, and has only a faint indication of the other markings.

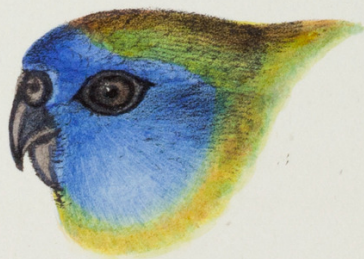
Nanodes elegans, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Habitat. Australia : localities, New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land ?

NANODES PULCHELLUS, Vig. & Horsf.

Fig. 3.

MAS. *Nan. lineâ superciliari, genis, humeris, tectricibusque alarum minoribus, metallicè viridescens-cæruleis ; vertice, nuchâ, corpore superiore lateribusque nitide olivaceo-viridibus ; ad originem alarum notâ castaneâ ; primariis secundariisque externè cæruleis, internè fuscis ; pectore, abdo-*



1. *Nanodes venustus*,
2. *elegans*
3. *pulchellus*



Gould, John and Gould, Elizabeth. 1837. "Nanodes elegans, Gould." *A synopsis of the birds of Australia, and the adjacent islands* (2), –.

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