

Family SYLVIADÆ?

Genus PSILOPUS, Gould.

CHARACTERES GENERICI.

Rostrum *capite brevius, tumidum, ad apicem dentatum, tomis rectis*; nares *basales, laterales, ovales*; rictus *setis paucis gracilibus obsitus*; alæ *mediocres, remige primo ferè spurio, secundo elongato, tertio, quarto, quintoque longissimis et inter se æqualibus*; cauda *brevis et æqualis*; tarsi *læves, graciles, mediocres*; digiti *perbreves, et debiles, externi utrinque æquales et intermedio conjuncti ferè ad articulum primum*; ungues *incurvi*.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill shorter than the head, swollen, notched at the tip; commissure straight; *nostrils* basal, lateral, oval; *rictus* beset with two or three extremely fine and weak bristles; *wings* moderately long, first quill almost spurious, second long, third, fourth, and fifth equal and longest; *tail* rather short and square; *tarsi* entire, slender, moderately long; *toes* extremely short and small, the lateral toes even and united to the middle one nearly to the first joint; *claws* much curved.

TYPE. *Psilopus albogularis*, Gould.

PSILOPUS BREVIROSTRIS, Gould.

Fig. 1.

Psil. rostro perbrevis, pallidè fusco ; strigâ superciliari flavescente ; vertice fuscescenti-cinereo ; nuchâ olivaceâ ; dorso, uropygio, tectricibusque caudæ olivaceis ; plumis auricularibus, genisque pallidè rufo-brunneis ; gulâ, pectoreque albis, olivaceo lavatis, strigisque fuscis longitudinalibus, levitè ornatis ; abdomine pallide citrino ; rectricibus caudæ intermediis duabus fuscis ; reliquis ad basin fuscis dein nigrescente fasciatis, et internè albo notatis, apicibus pallidè fuscis ; pedibus nigrescentibus.

Long. tot. $3\frac{1}{2}$ unc.; rostri, $\frac{5}{8}$; alæ, 2; caudæ, $1\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Bill extremely short and of a light brown; a narrow stripe of yellowish white passes from the bill over each eye; crown of the head brownish grey, passing into olive at the back of the neck; back, rump, and upper tail-coverts olive, brightest on the latter; ear-coverts and sides of the face very pale reddish brown; throat and chest white tinged with olive, with a faint longitudinal mark of brown down the centre of each feather, the remainder of the under surface pale citron yellow; two centre tail-feathers brown; the remainder brown at the base, the middle being crossed by a broad band of blackish brown, which is succeeded by a spot of white on the inner webs, the tips pale brown; feet blackish brown.

SYN. *Psilopus brevirostris*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Remark. In my own Collection.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.

PSILOPUS FUSCUS, Gould.

Fig. 2.

Psil. vertice, corporeque toto supernè, saturatè fuscis, levitè olivaceo tinctis ; rectricibus caudæ duabus intermediis fuscis ; reliquis ad basin albis, dein nigrescenti-fusco latè fasciatis, exindè albo notatis, apicibus pallidè fuscis ; gulâ, pectoreque cinereis ; abdomine, crissoque albis ; rostro pedibusque intensè fuscis.

Long. tot. $3\frac{3}{4}$ unc.; rostri, $\frac{1}{2}$; alæ, $2\frac{1}{4}$; caudæ, $1\frac{3}{4}$; tarsi, $\frac{3}{4}$.

Crown of the head, all the upper surface, and wings dark fuscous brown, slightly tinged with olive; two centre tail-feathers brown; the remainder white at the base, succeeded by a broad band of deep blackish brown, round which is a broad stripe of white, which entirely crosses the outer feathers, but only the inner webs of the remainder, the tips pale brown; throat and chest grey; abdomen and under tail-coverts white; bill and feet deep blackish brown.

SYN. *Psilopus fuscus*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Remark. In the Collection of the Earl of Derby.

Habitat. Australia: locality, uncertain.

PSILOPUS OLIVACEUS, Gould.

Fig. 3.

Psil. strigâ superciliari a basi mandibulæ flavâ ; vertice, corporeque suprâ olivaceis ; alis fuscis, plumis extus olivaceo marginatis ; rectricibus caudæ duabus intermediis fuscis ; reliquis ad basin fuscis, dein albo, nigrescenti-fusco, iterumque albo fasciatis, apicibus fuscis ; rostro pedibusque fuscis.

Long. tot. $4\frac{1}{4}$ unc.; rostri, $\frac{1}{2}$; alæ, $2\frac{1}{8}$; caudæ, $1\frac{3}{8}$; tarsi, $\frac{5}{8}$.

From the base of the upper mandible over each eye a line of yellow; crown of the head and all the upper surface olive green; wings brown, externally margined with olive green; two centre tail-feathers brown, the remainder brown at the base, succeeded by a bar of white, beyond which is a broader one of dark brown; to this succeeds another of white, the extremities being brown; bill and feet brown.

SYN. *Psilopus olivaceus*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.

PSILOPUS ALBOGULARIS, Gould.

Fig. 4.

Psil. vertice, plumis auricularibus, corporeque suprâ olivaceo-fuscis ; gulâ albâ ; pectore corporeque subtus latè citrinis ; rectricibus caudæ duabus intermediis fuscis, reliquis ad basin fuscis, albo, dein latè nigrescenti-fusco fasciatis, et internè ad apicem cervinis ; rostro, pedibusque intensè fuscis.

Long. tot. $4\frac{1}{4}$ unc.; rostri, $\frac{1}{2}$; alæ, $2\frac{5}{8}$; caudæ, $1\frac{3}{4}$; tarsi, $\frac{5}{8}$.

Crown of the head, ear-coverts, and all the upper surface olive brown; throat white; chest and all the under surface bright citron yellow; two centre tail-feathers brown, the remainder brown at the base, above which a bar of white, succeeded by a broader one of deep blackish brown, the tips of all but the two middle ones buffy white on their inner web; bill and feet dark brown.

SYN. *Psilopus albogularis*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.



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1. *Psiloptus tenebrosus*
 2. ----- *fasciatus*.
 3. ----- *chloroceros*.
 4. ----- *albigularis*



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