

POLYTELIS MELANURA.

Fig. 1.

MAS. *Pol. capite, collo, humeris, uropygio, corporeque subtùs latè flavis; dorso superiore, plumisque scapularibus olivaceis, primariis, caudæque rectricibus intensè cæruleis, harum quatuor externarum apicibus roseis; notâ coccineâ per mediam alam excurrente; rostro coccineo; pedibus fuscis.*

FÆM. *Capite, genis, nuchâ, dorso superiore, plumisque scapularibus obscurè olivaceo-viridibus; gutture, uropygio, tectricibus alarum, corporeque subtùs flavescenti-viridibus; humero centrali intensè viridi; primariis nonnullis, alæque spuria intensè cæruleis, extùs viridescentibus; secundariis reliquis, rectricibusque majoribus nonnullis, sanguineis; rectricibus duabus intermediis viridibus; reliquis ad basin viridibus, quatuor externis utrinque intus, et ad apicem roseis; rostro coccineo; pedibus fuscis.*

Long. tot. 16 unc.; *alæ*, 8; *caudæ*, $9\frac{3}{4}$; *tarsi*, $\frac{5}{8}$.

MALE. Head, neck, shoulders, rump, upper tail-coverts, and all the under surface beautiful jonquil yellow; upper part of the back and scapularies olive; primaries and tail deep blue, the extreme tips of the four outer tail-feathers on each side tipped with rosy red; several of the greater wing-coverts scarlet, forming a conspicuous mark on the centre of the wing; bill scarlet; feet blackish brown.

FEMALE. Head, sides of the face, back of the neck, upper part of the back and scapulars dull olive green; throat, all the under surface, rump, and wing-coverts yellowish green, the latter passing into deep green on the centre of the shoulder; primaries, some of the secondaries, and the spurious wing deep blue-black, margined externally with yellowish green; the remainder of the secondaries and a few of the greater-coverts deep red; two centre tail-feathers deep green, the remainder green at the base, passing into black on the inner webs; the four lateral feathers on each side margined on their inner webs and tipped with rosy red, which is broadest and most conspicuous on the two outer feathers; bill scarlet; feet dark brown.

SYN. *Palæornis melanura*, Vig. in Lear's Ill. Psitt., pl. 28, male.

———— *anthopeplus*, Vig. in Ib., pl. 29, female.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.

POLYTELIS BARRABANDI, Wagl.

Fig. 2, Male.—Fig. 3, Female.

MAS. *Pol. fronte, genis, guttureque latè flavis; hóc torque coccineo ornato; nuchâ, corporeque viridibus; primariis, secundariis, alâ spuria caudæque intensè cæruleis, viridi tinctis; rostro coccineo; pedibus fuscis.*

FÆM. *Facie sordidè viridescenti-cæruleâ; pectore obscurè roseo; femoribus coccineis; corpore viridi; primariis cæruleo-viridibus; caudæ rectricibus quatuor intermediis viridibus, reliquis cæruleo-viridibus, intùs ad marginem per totam longitudinem, roseis; rostro pallidè coccineo; pedibus fuscis.*

Long. tot. 16 unc.; *alæ*, 7; *caudæ*, 10; *tarsi*, $\frac{3}{4}$.

MALE. Forehead, cheeks, and throat rich gamboge yellow; immediately beneath the yellow of the throat a crescent of scarlet; back of the head, all the upper and under surface and thighs grass-green; primaries, secondaries, spurious wing and tail dark blue tinged with green; bill rich red; feet brown.

FEMALE. Face dull greenish blue; chest dull rose colour; thighs scarlet; the remainder of the body grass green; primaries bluish green; central tail-feathers uniform green, the remainder bluish green with half of the inner webs for their entire length fine rosy red; bill pale reddish orange; feet dark brown.

SYN. *Psittacus Barrabandi*, Swains. Zool. Ill., 1st Ser., pl. 59.

Palæornis Barrabandi, Vig. in Zool. Journ., vol. iv. p. 56.—Vig. and Horsf. in Linn. Trans., vol. xv. p. 287.

Polytelis Barrabandi, Wagl. Mon. Psitt. in Abhand., p. 519.

Scarlet-breasted Parrot, Lath. Gen. Hist., vol. ii. p. 121. No. 24.

Palæornis rosaceus, Vig. in Lear's Ill. Psitt., pl. 30, female.

Remark. The Earl of Derby is of opinion that the *Palæornis rosaceus* of Mr. Vigors is the female of this species, in which opinion I fully coincide; and I may further state that I have had opportunities of dissecting several specimens of the bird to which the name of *rosaceus* has been given, all of which proved to be females.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.



1. *Polytelis Melanura*
 2. ----- *Barrabandi Male*
 3. ----- *Female*



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