

16. *Ptilopus johannis*, Scl. (Pl. X.).

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Clare psittaceo-viridis, maculis scapularium paucis obscure cæruleis; fascia pectoris semilunari lata, ventre imo et crisso lætissime flavis; pileo et ventre medio pulcherrime lilacinis; remigibus et rectricibus subtus dilute plumbeis, harum vitta apicali dilutiore, fere albicante; rostro nigro, pedibus obscure rubris; long. tota 7·4, alæ 4·7, caudæ 2·5. Femina viridis, fere unicolor, ventre medio et crisso flavis.

*Habitat.*—Ins. Admiralitatis.

*Obs.*—Species affinis *Ptilopo bello* et *Ptilopo specioso*, sed colore pilei et ventris lilacino distincta.

Of this splendid little Fruit-Pigeon, which I have great pleasure in naming after Mr John Murray, three males (459, 460, 461) and one female (462) were "shot on Wild and D'Entrecasteaux Islands." The figures are taken from specimens 461 and 462.

[Eyes of males light yellow, of females white; feet light red or pink colour; tip of bill light green. These birds were not numerous. They were always noticed about the sago-palms, on which they seemed to be feeding.]

17. *Megapodius eremita*, Hartl. (Pl. XI.).

*Megapodius eremita*, Hartl., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1867, p. 830; Scl., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, pp. 290, 673.

*Megapodius hueskeri*, Cab. et Reichen, J. für O., 1876, p. 329; Scl., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 113.

*Megapodius rubrifrons*, Scl., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 556.

Supra olivaceo-brunneus, dorso superiore et corpore subtus nigricanti-plumbeis; ventre imo obscuriore; capitis plumis brevibus, rigidiusculis, fusco-nigris, in genis et gutture parce sparsis et cutem rubram ostendentibus; pilei parte anteriore fere omnino denudata, rubra; rostro flavo, ad basin nigricante; pedibus (in pelle) fere nigris; long. tota 11·0, alæ 8·5, caudæ 3·0, tarsi 2·4, rostri arictu 1·4.

There is a single skin of this species. [No. 472, male; eyes brown, bill yellowish, feet and legs dark horn-colour: stomach contained straw material.]

There is a second specimen in spirits. Both were shot on Pigeon Island.

In my preliminary report I described this bird as a new species, as I believed it to be. But Professor Salvadori having examined the specimen, pronounces it to be indistinguishable from *Megapodius hueskeri* of New Hanover, and *Megapodius eremita* of the Echuier Islands, described by Dr Hartlaub in 1867 from specimens in the Museum Godefroy.