

9. *Eurystomus orientalis*, Linn.

Coracias orientalis, Linn. Syst. Nat., vol. i. p. 154, No. 4, 1766.

Eurystomus orientalis, Walden, Trans. Zool. Soc., vol. ix. p. 152; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, pp. 540, 690, 757, 822; 1878, pp. 108, 282, 341, 613; 1879, p. 69.

[No. 426, ♂. Pasananca. Feet and bill red; tip of mandible black.]

Agrees with Ceylon examples, as well as with those from localities already mentioned (*ll.cc.*).

10. *Pelargopsis gigantea*, Walden.

Pelargopsis gigantea, Walden, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., vol. xiii. p. 123, ser. 4, 1874; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, pp. 541, 822; 1878, pp. 108, 341, 943; 1879, p. 69.

[No. 352, ♂. Ilo-ilo. Eyes black; feet red; bill red, tipped with black. Stomach had fish.]

No. 400, ♀. Malanipa. Eyes black.

No. 417, ♂. Pasananca. Eyes black; bill and legs red. Had in the stomach an eel about 6 inches in length.]

The example from Malanipa (No. 400), from which island the species has not been hitherto recorded, and the one from Pasananca (No. 417) are somewhat smaller than the type specimen of *Pelargopsis gigantea*, but in other respects do not differ specifically. In colouring, the Malanipa bird is hardly distinguishable from the type; but the Mindanao example has the wings, scapulars, and interscapulars of a much purer blue. The Panay bird (No. 352) has the same parts of a still purer blue (as opposed to greenish blue), and all the plumage, including the head, which is more or less white in the type, is creamy buff, most intense on the flanks, abdomen, and under tail-coverts.

Our acquaintance with the mutations of colouring and what they denote in many of the so-called species of this group is yet very limited; and I prefer to retain for the present the Ilo-ilo bird under the title above given.

The specimens measure as follows:—

	Wing.	Tail.	Bill from forehead.	Bill from gape.
	inches.	inches.	inches.	inches.
Type, ex Sulu, near Borneo,	6.56	4.25	3.50	4.00
♂, ex Pasananca,	6.00	4.00	3.25	3.56
♀, ex Malanipa,	6.06	4.00	3.25	3.56
♂, ex Ilo-ilo,	6.00	4.00	3.12	3.62