

Habitat.—Ins. Admiralitatis.

Obs.—Affinis *Myzomela nigritæ*, sed crassitie majore, rostro longiore et subalaribus nigris diversa.

Two specimens of this apparently new *Myzomela* (491, 492) are in the collection. The one described and figured (491) is marked "male, eyes hazel," and is evidently adult. In the other (492), apparently young, the plumage is mixed with cinereous, the feet not so dark, and the under surface of the wings more white. But the size alone is sufficient to distinguish it from its Papuan representative.

7. *Calornis purpureiceps*, Salvadori.

Calornis, sp. inc., *Scl.*, *Proc. Zool. Soc.*, 1877, p. 554.

Calornis purpureiceps, *Salvad.*, *Att. R. Acc. Sc.*, Torino, vol. xiii. p. 535, 1878.

463, male; 464, male; 465, male; 466, female; 467, female.

[Eyes orange: stomachs contained seeds and grubs. This was, perhaps, the commonest bird at the Admiralty Islands.]

Lord Tweeddale, who kindly examined these skins for me, wrote as follows:—"Nos. 463-466. The purple reflexions being restricted to the head, chin, and throat distinguishes these examples from all others known to me. They may belong to either *Calornis viridescens* (Gray), *Calornis gularis* (Gray), or *Calornis amboinensis* (Gray), for I do not possess typical examples; but I believe that all these are little more than stages of *Calornis metallica*. If they do not fall under either of these three titles, I think they may be safely described and named, for their distinctive characters are well marked."

In my report I did not venture to distinguish this bird as a distinct species, not having available materials for a study of the difficult group to which it belongs. Professor Salvadori, however, who, during a subsequent visit to London, had an opportunity of examining the specimen, has described the species as new with the subjoined diagnosis:—

Nitidissime viridis, alis et cauda obscurioribus; capite et gula tantum purpurascens; rostro pedibusque nigris.

Long. tot. O^m, 190; al. O^m, 108; caud. O^m, 080; rostri O^m, 018; tarsi O^m, 022.

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Professor Salvadori remarks that this species may be distinguished from *Calornis metallica* by its smaller dimensions, by the acuminate feathers of the anterior part of the neck being much shorter, and by the purple reflexions being confined to the head, chin, and throat.

Lord Tweeddale was of opinion that No. 467 belonged to a distinct species, and that there might have been some error as regards its locality. But Mr Murray says this is quite unlikely, and that that specimen also was certainly obtained on the Admiralty Islands.