

Mr Layard (Ibis, 1876, p. 141) points out the characters of four different races of this parrot occurring in the Fijis:—

(1) The bright-crimson-bellied race, with broad blue collar, from Viti-Levu and Kandavu, being the true *Platycercus splendens*, Peale;

(2) The Mathuata race, "maroon-bellied," with broad blue nuchal collar;

(3) The Koro race, maroon-bellied, with the faintest trace of the blue collar; and

(4) The Taviuni race (*Platycercus taviunensis*, Layard), "maroon-coloured and without a trace of the blue colour."

Of these I have before me only one specimen from Taviuni, which, indeed, differs strongly from *Platycercus splendens*. It has the same dark maroon-purplish coloration as *Platycercus tabuensis*, and wants the blue neck-collar; besides it is considerably smaller (wings 7 inches 8 lines). As I have become convinced by the examination of a large series of *Platycercus tabuensis* that in this species the blue collar is also sometimes almost wanting, I think that this cannot form a specific character, even less so the purplish-red spots on the rump, which vary individually. If the smaller size should turn out to be constant, this dark form ought to be separated from the nearest-allied *Astur tabuensis* under the name of *Platycercus annæ*, Bourj. (*Platycercus taviunensis*, Layard).

3. *Platycercus personatus*, G. R. Gray.

Platycercus personatus, Finsch, Mon. Pap., vol. ii. p. 239; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 729;
Layard, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1875, p. 425.

[No. 78. Levuka. Female. Eyes orange, with streaks of red; bill and legs black. This bird was purchased alive.]

4. *Domicella solitaria*, Gm.

Domicella solitaria, Finsch, Mon. Papag., vol. ii. p. 760; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 729.
Lorius solitarius, F. and H., Orn. Central-Polyn., p. 23; Layard, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1875,
p. 426.

[No. 37. Matuka. Female.

No. 38. " "

No. 39. " "

No. 40. " Male.

These birds were not common, although when they were seen a good number were in company. They were especially seen about an *Erythrina* in blossom, close to the landing-place. Eyes red and yellow.

No. 89. Kandavu. Male. Eyes red; bill and legs yellow; stomach contained fruit.