

No. 104. Kandavu. Female. Eyes, bill, and legs black; stomach contained insects.]

This short-tailed Swallow comes nearest to *Hirundo javanica*, Sparrm. (*Hirundo domicola*, Jerd.), but has a rather broader bill; the underparts below the ferruginous throat-portion are darker brownish; and the tail-feathers want the white spot on the inner web. I must mention, however, that in No. 45 the second right-hand tail-feather shows a very small pale spot on the inner web. The sexes are alike.

7. *Collocalia spodiopygia*, Peale.

Collocalia spodiopygia, Layard, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 428, Fiji, habits; Finsch, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 730.

[No. 93. Kandavu. Female.

No. 94. „ Male.

Eyes, feet, and bill black; stomach contained parts of insects. Shot August 6.]

The Fiji specimens look a little lighter from below than those from Tonga and the Navigators'.

8. *Halcyon sacra*, Gm.

Todirhamphus vitiensis, Cass.

Halcyon cassini, F. and H., Orn. Central Polyn., p. 40.

Halcyon sacra et *Halcyon cassini*, Layard, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1875, p. 427.

Halcyon sacra, Finsch, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 731.

[No. 61. Kandavu. Male. Eyes and bill black.

No. 95. „ „ Eyes black, feet greyish; upper mandible black and margin of the under, rest of lower mandible pale red. Stomach contained a wasp and parts of other insects. Shot August 6.

No. 109. Kandavu. Male. Eyes and bill black.

No. 110. „ „ .]

The Fiji specimens are generally darker and of a more brilliant blue, the neck-collar is washed with rufous, as are the sides of the vent and flanks, which in the Tonga birds are, like the neck-collar, almost pure white. But these differences are in certain specimens so indistinct that thereupon no specific characters can be based. *Halcyon cassini*, Finsch and Hartl., with an ill-defined superciliary stripe, rests on individual differences which are of no specific value. But I may remark that among a very large number of specimens examined by me from the Friendly and Fiji Islands, I never met with one having a white head showing only a blue vertical spot, as is represented in the right-hand figure of Sharpe's plate of *Halcyon sacra*, which I think must still be kept separate as *Halcyon peali*, F. and H., from the Navigators'. In size the Fiji specimens are exactly