

even on the back of the old birds. The sexes are alike. The size, as usual in this genus, varies considerably individually.

13. *Zosterops flaviceps*, Peale (Pl. XIV. fig. 1).

Zosterops flaviceps, Peale: F. & H., Orn. Central-Polyn., p. 52, t. vi.; Layard, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1875, p. 430; Finsch, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 733.

[No. 71. Levuka. Female. (Specimen figured.)

No. 72. „ Male. Eyes black.]

In coloration this species is so like *Zosterops westernensis* (Quoy et Gaim.) of Australia, that Dr Hartlaub and Mr Gould could find only in the somewhat stronger bill a ground of distinction; but as the specimens now before me show only a difference of half a millimetre, this character can no longer stand. However, I now observe that the Fiji bird has the under tail-coverts of a deeper yellowish; so that I think *Zosterops flaviceps* may be kept separate until more specimens show this difference also to be of no constant value.

14. *Zosterops explorator*, Layard (Pl. XIV. fig. 2).

Zosterops explorator, Layard, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1875, p. 431; Finsch, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1877, p. 734.

[No. 57. Kandavu. Female. (Specimen figured.)

No. 58. „ „ Eyes black.]

The discovery of this species is due to Mr John Murray, of the Challenger Expedition. As Mr Layard has published only a short diagnosis, I think a full description will be necessary—the more so as the specimens now before me are the types.

Upper surface yellow olive-green, more yellow on the top and sides of the head and neck, changing into pure citron-yellow on the lores; chin, throat, and breast the same as the under tail-coverts; lower part of breast and remaining under surface yellowish-white; flanks distinctly washed with pale brownish-grey; under wing-coverts white; wing- and tail-feathers brown-black, narrowly margined externally with olive-green; remiges margined on their inner webs with white; there seems to be a narrow white eye-ring, surrounded by a narrower blackish one; bill blackish, lower mandible pale at base; legs plumbeous.

Long. tot.	Ala.	Caud.	Rostr.	Tars.
in.	in. lin.	lin.	lin.	lin.
c. 4	2½	16	5	7½