

No. 561. Tahiti. Female. Eyes black.]

Long. alc.		Rectr. intorm.	Rectr. extern.	
in.	lin.	lin.	lin.	
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4	6½	22	26	No. 560. „
4	7	22	26	No. 561. „
4	9	25	27	teste Pelzeln.
4	5	19	23	<i>fuciphaga</i> , Java.
3	11	18	20	} <i>vanicorensis</i> , Ponapé (8 ex.).
4	2	20	22	
4	0	19	21	<i>francica</i> , Bourbon.

Having now, for the first time, an opportunity of examining specimens of the *Collocalia* of Tahiti, I find no specific distinctions from the well-known *Collocalia fuciphaga*, so widely distributed in the Indian and Malay archipelagos. The specimens before me are not of so light a greyish-brown as one would expect from the descriptions sent me by Herr von Pelzeln; on the contrary, the whole under-surface is a little darker than in Javan specimens; but the difference is so slight that no character can be based on it.

Collocalia vanicorensis corresponds in coloration exactly, but may perhaps be kept separate on account of the smaller size. From the latter, *Collocalia francica*, Gm. (from Bourbon and Madagascar), seems scarcely separable; only the under tail-coverts show a more intense green gloss. Mr Wallace (*l.c.*) is perhaps right in uniting also these two species with *Collocalia fuciphaga*.

2. *Halcyon veneratus*, Gm.

Halcyon veneratus, Sharpe, Mon. Kingf., p. 245. t. xciii.; Finsch, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 741.

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The excellent series before me does not confirm the view that either the dark band