

springing from the forehead—a feature which, among the Austro-Malayan species, is only to be found in *Dicrurus pectoralis*, Wall., from the Sulu Islands.<sup>1</sup>

8. *Philemon plumigenis*, G. R. Gr.

*Tropidorhynchus plumigenus*, G. R. Gr., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1858, pp. 174, 191, Ki Islands (type examined).

*Philemon plumigenis*, Salvad., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 88, et Ann. Mus. Civ. Gen., vol. xiv. p. 655.

[No. 276, male; 277, sex uncertain. Eyes brown. Stomach contained seeds.]

Both are young birds, with the feathers of the sides of the breast with broad yellow edges, and with the outer edges of the remiges tinged with olive.

9. *Calornis metallica*, Temm.

*Lamprotornis metallicus*, Temm., Pl. Col., 266, 1824, Amboyna (type examined).

*Calornis viridescens*, G. R. Gr., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1858, p. 181, Arrou Islands (type examined).

*Calornis nitida*, G. R. Gr., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1858, p. 181, New Ireland (type examined).

*Calornis amboinensis*, G. R. Gr., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1858, p. 182, Amboyna (type examined).

*Calornis gularis*, G. R. Gr., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1861, p. 431, Mysol (type examined).

*Calornis purpurascens*, G. R. Gr., Hand-list, vol. ii. p. 26, No. 6377 (1870), Goram (type examined).

*Calornis metallica*, Salvad., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 88, et Ann. Mus. Civ. Gen., vol. xiv. p. 656.

[No. 284. Female. Eyes red. Stomach contained seeds; caught by Suhm in a spiders web.]

One fully adult "female" (No. 284), resembling a fully adult male.

This species has been found in nearly all the Moluccan and Papuan Islands, from the Sulu Islands westward to the Solomon Islands eastwards, and lives also in the northern part of Australia.

Temminck, in the text of the Planches Coloriees, says that his *Lamprotornis metallicus* was from Timor and Celebes; but this seems to be a mistake, as the typical specimens in the Museum of Leyden, examined by me, are from Amboyna. In Celebes and in Timor lives another species of the genus *Calornis*, and not *Calornis metallica*.

Specimens from the different localities do not differ specifically; those from Cape York are somewhat more purplish, but not always in the same way; one from Goram, a small island near Amboyna (*Calornis purpurascens*, Gray), is exactly like some specimens from Cape York.

<sup>1</sup> I think that the Austro-Malayan species may be more properly referred to a peculiar genus, which I propose to call *Dicruopsis*, characterised as follows:—Rostrum crassum, rostro specierum generis *Dissemuri* simile, sed culmine minus acuto, crassiusculo; cauda bifida divaricata, rectricibus extimis superne introrsum paululum convolutis.