

Stomach contained small seeds. For curious loop in the windpipe see body. This bird was shot on the island opposite Somerset by Moseley.] The colours of the soft parts and contents of the stomach are the same in the other specimen.

The two skins sent agree well with Mr Sharpe's description and differ from Mr Elliot's figure of the New Guinea species (*Manucodia keraudreni*) in the points noticed in Gray's original description of the species. The curious conformation of the trachea in *Manucodia keraudreni* has long been known, having been originally described by Lesson. Beccari (Ibis, 1876, p. 252) says he thinks it probable that this is a peculiarity of the male sex. Mr Murray's notes, however, would seem to contradict this view, unless, as is hardly likely, two species otherwise so nearly allied should differ in this peculiarity.

11. *Ptilorhis alberti*, Elliot

- Ptiloris alberti*, Ell., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1871, p. 583; *id.* Mon. Parod., pl. xxiv.; Sharpe, Cat. of B., vol. iii. p. 156; Forbes, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 123.
Ptiloris magnificus, Gould, B. Austr. Supp., pl. li.
Craspedophora magnifica, *id.* Handb., vol. i. p. 595.

Six skins of this Rifle-bird from Cape York, four of which are adult males in full plumage, and one a female. Another, marked ♀, is either a young male coming into full plumage, or more probably an aged female assuming male plumage, as some of the feathers on the top of the head show traces of a metallic blue colour, as also does the shoulder, whilst more or fewer of the primaries on each side have acquired the black colour characteristic of the male. Of Nos. 164 and 165 it is noted in Mr Murray's journal:—"Males. Eyes, bill, and legs black; soles of the feet yellow. The stomach contained a red fruit, with a large stone about the size of a pea. Some parts of insects in 165." Of No. 184, "Female. Eyes black. Stomach contained ants and grubs." Besides the specimens sent, several others seem to have been procured. An interesting account of the shooting of these specimens will be found in Lord George Campbell's Log Letters from the Challenger, p. 185.

12. *Mimeta viridis*, Lath.

- Mimeta viridis*, Gould, Handb. B. Austr., vol. i. p. 462; Forbes, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 123.
Oriolus viridis, Gould, B. Austr., vol. iv., pl. xiii.; Sharpe, Cat. of B., vol. iii. p. 212.

A young male from Cape York, agreeing generally with Mr Sharpe's description (*l.c.*) of the young bird. [No. 169, ♂. Thrush.]