with steel-green, blue, and purple, and relieved by a median spot of velvety black; rest of under surface of body glossy black; on each side of the breast the plumes elongated into two lax velvety shields: bill and legs black: "iris light blue, with a circle of pale yellowish-green colour" (D'Albertis). Total length 12.5 inches, culmen 1.3, wing 6.1, tail 5.25, tarsus 2.1.

Adult female. Different from the male, being dark chestnut-brown above; quills and tail blackish, externally reddish brown; crown of head, nasal plumes, feathers round the eye, and ear-coverts black; cheeks and throat greyish white, finely barred with black and separated from each other by a broad malar band of black; sides of neck black, encroaching on the sides of the lower throat; remainder of under surface of body, from the lower throat downwards, isabelline, regularly barred with black. Total length 11:5 inches, wing 5:9.

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