The following description of the male is copied from my 'Catalogue of Birds':-

Adult male. General colour velvety black above and below, a little browner on the under surface; wings and tail black, the inner secondaries with a purplish gloss under certain lights; head glossed with metallic steel-green; forehead, lores, and base of lower mandible bare; over each nostril a small tuft of black feathers; on each side of the base of the bill an erect wattled skin; round the eye a ring of black plumes; space below and behind the eye bare: bill and legs black; "iris red" (Guillemard): "upper wattles, which are attached one on each side of the forehead, of a yellowish-green colour; those at the base of the lower mandible blue, having a small patch of orange underneath" (Beccari). Total length 11:2 inches, culmen 0:55, wing 6:15, tail 4:85, tarsus 1:9.

Adult female. Similar to the male, but smaller. Count Salvadori says that it is deep black, with an appearance of dull green on the crown and occiput, the wings and tail with scarcely any velvety appearance, and with a dull purplish shade under certain lights.

The figures in the Plate represent adult birds of the size of life. They are reproduced from Mr. Gould's 'Birds of New Guinea.'