metallic purple, shot with steel-blue at the end of the secondaries and especially on the innermost of these quills; primaries black, glossed with steel-blue near the ends and slightly glossed with purple externally; tail-feathers metallic purple, the two centre ones recurved and twisted over, with the webs decomposed; crown of head and neck covered with frizzled plumes; the lores, sides of face, and cheeks velvety black, with a green gloss under certain lights; the crown glossed with purplish and steel-blue and formed into a ridge over the eye; hind neck, sides of neck, and throat metallic oily-green, the feathers very close set and velvety to the touch; the fore neck and chest with longer and more thick-set plumes of green, somewhat steel-green in their gloss, and glossed with purple on the chest; remainder of under surface of body bronzy purple, with a distinct subterminal bar of velvety black on each feather; lower abdomen and thighs glossy steel-green, as also the under wing-coverts; under tail-coverts purple; bill and feet black. Total length 17·5 inches, culmen 2·4, wing 9·5, tail 7, tarsus 2·1.

The Plate represents an adult bird of the full size, drawn from the original specimen, now in the British Museum.