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MANUCODIA CHALYBEATA *(Pennant).*

Green Manucode.

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Considering the number of years that this species has been known to science, it is certainly curious that so little has been recorded concerning its manners and habits; and, as will be seen below, even the exact characters of its plumage and its differences from allied species are still matters of some conjecture.

The Green Manucode is principally known from New Guinea, but it cannot be said to be as common as *M. atra* in any part of the great island. The most perfect specimen which I have yet seen was obtained by Mr. Wallace at Dorey, and beyond that example the British Museum does not possess a single authentic specimen from North-western New Guinea. The species has, however, been extensively procured by recent travellers in the Arfak Mountains, at Andei and Mansinam by Bruijn's hunters, and at Patat, Warmendi, and Profi by Dr. Beccari. D'Albertis met with it in Hatam, and Bruijn received specimens from Nappan, while Beccari records the species from Dorei-hum. The bird from Rubi, supposed at first to be the true *M. chalybeata*, has since been separated from it as *M. rubiensis* by Dr. A. B. Meyer.