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a few examples of apparently the same bird from Gilolo, but in these the crown is of a more decided violet hue, and the plumes of the breast are much larger."

*Adult male.* General colour above brown, shaded with purple under certain lights, the shafts whity brown; scapulars dark brown; wings rather paler than the back, especially on the outer coverts, the quills whitish at tip, the shafts also whitish; from the middle of the least wing-coverts two long whitish plumes, ending in an elongate spatula; tail rather lighter brown than the back, with white shafts; nasal plumes pale fulvous brown, slightly erect and recurved; crown pale metallic greyish lilac; lores, sides of face, sides of neck, and hinder part of the latter pale brown, with a purplish-lilac gloss, visible only under a change of light; cheeks and throat light brown, mottled with metallic green edgings to the feathers, becoming more uniform on the lower throat, and gradually merging into a triangular shield of green, embracing the lower throat and fore-neck, and produced into two long tufts of brilliant metallic green feathers, reaching down each side of the breast to the level of the thighs; chest-feathers light brown, fringed with metallic green; breast brown, washed with metallic green; sides of body, abdomen, thighs, and under wing- and tail-coverts light brown, paler on the thighs: "bill horny olive; feet orange, claws horny; iris deep olive" (*Wallace*). Total length 11.5 inches, culmen 1.65, wing 6.15, tail 3.4, tarsus 1.7.

*Adult female.* General colour above and below brown, slightly glossed with purple, the quills whitish externally and at tip; nasal plumes and frontal feathers sandy buff; crown of head and nape glossed with dull purplish; sides of face and throat lighter brown than the back; no green gloss on any part of the plumage; pectoral shield and standard plumes of wings absent. Total length 11.6 inches, culmen 1.45, wing 5.55, tail 4, tarsus 1.6.

The descriptions and figures are taken from a pair of birds in the British Museum.