

## ARSES KAUPI, *Gould.*

### Kaup's Flycatcher.

*Arses Kaupi*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., December 10, 1850.

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I HAVE some little doubt as to the propriety of placing this bird in the genus *Arses*, but rather than multiply the number of genera, perhaps unnecessarily, I have assigned it a place therein, as it accords more nearly with that form than with *Monarcha*, the only other genus to which it offers alliance. I am happy to have this opportunity of paying a just compliment to my friend Dr. Kaup of Darmstadt, an ornithologist of vast acumen and research, and whose philosophical labours are well known to all naturalists: the compliment is the more appropriate, as he is at this time (1851) engaged in preparing a Monograph of the *Muscicapidae*, to which family the present bird belongs.

The specimen here represented is the only one I have seen: it was killed on the north coast of Australia; and this is all, I regret to say, that is at present known respecting it.

Small spot on the chin, crown of the head, lores, line beneath the eye, ear-coverts, broad crescentic band across the back, and a broad band across the breast, deep shining bluish black; wings and tail brownish black; throat and a broad band across the back of the neck white; lower part of the back and abdomen white, the base of the feathers black, which occasionally showing through give those parts a mottled appearance; bill bluish horn-colour, becoming lighter at the tip; feet black.

The figures are of the natural size.