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THE Lesser Bird of Paradise is, as its name implies, a smaller bird than *P. apoda*, and it is further distinguished by having the mantle of a dull straw-colour and not maroon-brown like the rest of the back. The wing-coverts are also more or less straw-coloured. The female differs from the female of *P. apoda* in having the breast white instead of maroon-brown.

The range of this species appears to be confined to the northern and western portions of New Guinea and the island of Mysol. In German New Guinea it is replaced by *Paradisea finschi* of Meyer, and in the island of Jobi by *P. jobiensis* of Rothschild.