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elongated into two long thread-like shafts 20 inches in length; fore-neck and chest velvety purplish brown, forming a small shield; rest of under surface ruddy brown, rather paler on the abdomen and under tail-coverts, the flank-feathers elongated into two large tufts of plumes of a brilliant crimson, the ends of these plumes paler and whity brown, the barbules being lax near the end of these long plumes; under wing-coverts and inner lining of quills ruddy brown: "bill pearly grey; feet leaden grey, tinged with reddish; iris yellow" (*D'Alburtis*). Total length 13.5 inches, culmen 1.5, wing 6.9, tail 5.4, tarsus 1.85.

*Adult female.* General colour above dull ruddy brown, including the wings and tail; hinder part of crown, hind-neck, and sides of the latter dull straw-buff; fore part of crown-feathers round the eye, sides of face, throat, and breast deep purplish brown; rest of under surface very pale ruddy brown, including the under wing- and under tail-coverts: bill pearly grey; feet plumbeous; iris yellow. Total length 12.5 inches, culmen 1.4, wing 6.15, tail 5, tarsus 1.5.

*Young male.* Similar to the adult female, but much richer brown.

A male shot on Mount Epa on the 23rd of April begins to show indications of the approaching bright plumage on the head and throat.

The Plate represents the male bird, the front figure being of about the size of life.