

PARYPHEPHORUS DUIVENBODII, *Meyer.*

Van Duivenbode's Bird of Paradise.

Craspedophora duivenbodei, Meyer, Ibis, 1890, p. 419, pl. xii.

Paryphephorus duivenbodei, Meyer, Ibis, 1890, p. 420.—Salvad. Agg. Orn. Papuasia, iii. p. 241 (1891).—Sharpe, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, iv. p. xii (1894).

This species is known from a single specimen in the Dresden Museum. It is supposed to have come from some part of New Guinea, but the exact habitat of the species still remains unknown.

In general appearance *Paryphephorus* resembles a Rifle-bird of the genus *Craspedophora*, having a green pectoral shield, but it differs in having a fan-like frill on the hind-neck and in not having the flank-plumes developed to any great extent. It is, in my opinion, correctly separated as a distinct genus from *Craspedophora* and *Ptiloris*.

Nothing is known of its habits or various plumages.

The following is the description of the type specimen which I made in 1891 in the Dresden Museum :—

Adult male. General colour velvety black, with a purplish gloss under certain lights; wings and tail velvety black, the two centre tail-feathers metallic steel-green; round the hind-neck a prominent frill of velvety-black feathers glossed with violet; crown of head steel-green; sides of face and throat velvety purple with bronzy reflections; on the fore-neck and chest a triangular shield of rich steel-green with olive-green reflections, inclining to blue on the margins of the shield; under surface of body blackish, with a bronzy gloss on the upper breast, becoming rather more violet on the abdomen and flanks. Total length about 9·5 inches, culmen 1·7, wing 6·5, tail 3·8, tarsus 1·5.

The figure in the Plate is drawn from a sketch of the typical example made by Mr. Keulemans for the 'Ibis' in 1890.