slight coppery lustre; lores, feathers above the eye, and sides of face, as well as the chin and sides of the throat, glossy purple; from the chin a shield of metallic steel-blue plumes spreads out onto the chest, and is followed by a double band, the first velvety black with a burnished coppery lustre, the second golden green with an olivaceous lustre; rest of under surface olivaceous, shaded with reddish purple, especially on the abdomen and flank-feathers, the latter being elongated into silky plumes, which reach beyond the tail; under tail-coverts and vent velvety blue-black; bill and legs black; iris brown. Total length 12·2 inches, culmen 2·2, wing 6·65, tail 4·25, tarsus 1·65.

Adult female. General colour ashy brown on the head and neck, shading into olivaceous brown on the back and rump, slightly tinged with reddish on the upper tail-coverts; lores, feathers round the eye, and ear-coverts dusky brown, with slightly indicated shaft-streaks of ochraceous, these being also faintly perceptible on the feathers of the crown; over the eye a broad line of white, forming a distinct eyebrow; cheeks white, as also the throat, which is separated from the cheeks by a broad malar streak of blackish; rest of under surface of body dull white, mottled with cross bars of blackish, much wider apart on the abdomen and flanks, the feathers of the latter being somewhat elongated; under wing-coverts like the breast, the cross-bars less distinct; upper wing-coverts like the back, the greater series orange-chestnut, this being also the colour of the quills, which are brown on the inner webs. Total length 11·2 inches, culmen 1·95, wing 6·0, tail 4·3, tarsus 1·6.

The figures in the Plate represent a pair of birds of the natural size, and are drawn from specimens in the British Museum.