PTILOTIS FLAVESCENS, Gould.

Yellow-tinted Honey-eater.

Ptilotis flavescens, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part VII. p. 144.

The only example of this new species that I have seen is from the north coast of Australia, where it was procured and subsequently presented to me by my friend Benjamin Bynoe, Esq., late of Her Majesty's Surveying Ship the Beagle. It differs from all the other members of its genus in the uniform yellow colouring of its plumage, for which reason I have assigned to it the specific appellation of flavescens,—a term indicative of the colouring by which it may be readily distinguished from its congeners.

I regret to say that nothing whatever is at present known of its habits or economy.

Head and all the under surface delicate citron-yellow, the yellow prevailing over the head; immediately under the ear-coverts a spot of blackish brown, posterior to which is a spot of bright yellow; the remainder of the plumage olive-grey.

The figures are of the natural size.