

TROGON PERSONATUS, Gould.

Black-faced Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Trog. vertice, corpore superiore et pectore splendide aureo-viridibus; loris, plumis auricularibus, et gutture nigris; rectricibus caudæ duabus intermediis ex aureo virescenti-fuscis, ad apicem nigris; utrinque proximâ pogonio interno et apice nigris, pogonio externo ex aureo virescenti-fusco; rectricibus externis nigris, lineis albis crebris et undulatis minutè fasciatis, ad apicem latè niveis; alis nigris, tectricibus et secundariis lineis cinereis minutis et irregularibus crebrè fasciatis; abdomine et corpore subtus coccineis; colore coccineo à viridi disjuncto lunulâ albâ; rostro aurantiaco.

Fœm. Capite, pectore et corpore superiore fuscis; rectricibus caudæ duabus intermediis sordide castaneis; gutture et plumis auricularibus nigris; abdomine et corpore subtus coccineis, hoc colore à fusco pectorali disjuncto lunulâ albâ.

Male.—Crown of the head, all the upper surface, and chest rich golden green; lores, ear-coverts, and throat black; two middle tail-feathers golden greenish brown and tipped with black, the next on each side have the inner web and tip black and the outer web golden greenish brown; the outer feathers black, crossed by numerous fine irregular bars, and largely tipped with pure white; wings black, the coverts and secondaries finely pencilled with irregular zigzag markings of light grey; primaries margined externally with light grey; abdomen and under surface scarlet, separated from the green of the chest by a narrow crescent of white; bill orange-yellow; feet yellowish brown.

Female.—Head, chest, and upper surface brown; two middle tail-feathers dull chestnut-brown, tipped with black; the two next on each side black on their inner webs and at the tip, and dull chestnut-brown on their outer webs; the remaining feathers black on their inner webs at the base, largely tipped with white, the intermediate portion being crossed by alternate irregular bars of black and white; wings as in the male, the coverts and secondaries freckled with yellowish brown instead of grey, and ear-coverts black; abdomen and under surface scarlet, which colour is separated from the brown of the chest by a crescent of white; bill and feet yellowish brown.

Total length 11 inches; bill $\frac{7}{8}$; wing $5\frac{1}{4}$; tail $6\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi $\frac{5}{8}$.

Trogon personatus. Gould, Ann. & Mag. N. H. ix. p. 237 (1842).

—— *heliothrix.* Tsch. Wieg. Arch. 1844, p. 300, et Fauna Peruana, pp. 41, 257.

Trogonurus personatus. Bp. Consp. Vol. Zyg. p. 14.

Trogon propinquus. Cab. & Hein. Mus. Hein. iv. p. 175.

? — *assimilis.* Gould, P. Z. S. 1846, p. 67.

ORNITHOLOGISTS are at the present moment divided in opinion as to whether the very common Trogons which inhabit the hill-country of Columbia, Ecuador, and Peru are referable to one, two, three, or more species, or whether these birds, having minor differences in markings and structure, should be considered mere local varieties of a widely spread bird; at all events it has been considered, by some of my colleagues, unnecessary to figure more than that first described.

The bird to which I originally gave the name of *personatus* is the one chosen for illustration in the accompanying Plate.