

washed with blue; throat buff; under surface of the body and wings ferruginous orange; on each side of the chest a patch of bluish black; lores and a small patch behind the ears buff; crown of the head indistinctly barred with black; irides and bill black; feet orange. Total length  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; bill, 2; wing,  $3\frac{1}{8}$ ; tail,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ ; tarsi,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Inhabits Van Diemen's Land.

More robust than *Alcyone azurea*, or *A. pulchra*, and differing from both in the blue of the upper surface being tinged with green.

66. *Alcyone pulchra*, *Gould*.

*Alcyone pulchra*, *Gould* in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part XIV. p. 19.

All the upper surface shining purplish blue; wings brownish black; lores, tuft behind the ear, and throat buff; under surface deep ferruginous orange; sides of the chest fine purplish blue, passing into a rich vinous tint on the flanks; irides and bill black; feet orange. Total length 6 inches; bill, 2; wing,  $2\frac{7}{8}$ ; tail,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; tarsi  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Inhabits the north coast of Australia.

This is the finest coloured species of the Australian *Alcyones*, and is distinguished by the beautiful vinous colouring of the flanks.

67. *Alcyone pusilla* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 26.

Family — ?

Genus ARTAMUS, *Vieill.*

The members of this singular genus are distributed over New Guinea, Ceram, the Indian Islands and the continent of India, but are more numerous in Australia than elsewhere, its fauna comprising no less than seven well-defined species.

68. *Artamus sordidus* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 27.

69. *Artamus minor*, *Vieill.* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 28.

Mr. Gilbert found this species breeding in the interior of the country during Dr. Leichardt's overland journey to Port Essington.

70. *Artamus cinereus*, *Vieill.* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 29.

71. *Artamus albiventris*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 30.

72. *Artamus personatus*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 31.

73. *Artamus superciliosus*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 32.

74. *Artamus leucopygialis*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 33.

Family — ?

Genus DICEUM, *Cuv.*

The continent of India, the Indian Islands and New Guinea are the countries in which the members of this genus abound; as yet only a single species has been found in Australia.

75. *Diceum hirundinaceum* . . . . . Vol. II. Pl. 34.

Family PIPRIDÆ, *Vig.*

Genus PARDALOTUS, *Vieill.*

This form is peculiar to Australia, in every portion of which great country, including Van Diemen's Land, one or other of the species I have figured are to be found; some of them associated in the same district, and even inhabiting the same trees, while in other parts only a single species exists; for instance, the *P. punctatus*,