

TROGON MEXICANUS, Swainson.

Mexican Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Trog. supra nitenti-viridis, pectore dorsoque concoloribus; gutture, regione auriculari alisque nigris, his cinereo punctatis; torque pectorali albâ; ventre crissoque coccineis; rectricibus duabus intermediis viridibus nigro terminatis, duabus proximis utrinque nigris, reliquis basaliter nigris latè albo terminaliter fasciatis.

Fœm. Suprà olivascenti-brunnea, pectore dorsoque concoloribus, hœc vix rufescente lavato; torque pectorali cinerascente obsoletâ; corpore reliquo subtùs coccineo; alis nigris brunneo parcè maculatis; remigibus externis albo fimbriatis; rectricibus duabus intermediis castaneis nigro apicatis, duabus proximis utrinque nigris, reliquis albo nigroque fasciatis; rostro brunneo, mandibulâ flavâ.

Adult male.—Beak bright yellow; throat and ear-coverts black, gradually blending with the green which covers the chest and the whole of the upper surface; two centre tail-feathers green, with black tips, the two next on each side wholly black, the three outer feathers on each side black, with white tips; wings black, with the exception of the primaries dotted with grey; on the chest a crescentic band of white; breast, belly, and under tail-coverts a fine scarlet; feet brown.

Total length from 11 to 12 inches; wing $5\frac{3}{4}$; tail $7\frac{3}{4}$.

Adult female.—The top of the head, throat, chest, and back dark brown, inclining to olive on the upper surface and to rufous on the chest; across the latter an obscure band of light grey; the upper part of the belly brownish grey, the lower part and vent scarlet; wings black, slightly freckled with brown on the outer edges of the secondaries and shoulders, the outer edges of the primaries fringed with white; two middle tail-feathers chestnut-brown tipped with black, the two next on each side wholly black, the remainder strongly barred with black and white for nearly their whole length; bill yellow, clouded with brown.

Trogon mexicanus. Swains. Phil. Mag. 1827, p. 440.—Id. Zool. Illustr. 2nd ser. pls. 82, 107.—Gould, Monogr. Trogon. pls. 1, 2.—Gray, Gen. B. i. p. 70.—Id. Cat. Fissir. Brit. Mus. p. 41.—Bp. Consp. i. p. 150.—Selater, P. Z. S. 1858, pp. 367, 387.—Sel. & Salv. Ibis, 1859, p. 132, et 1860, p. 41.—Selater, Cat. Am. B. p. 276.—Cab. & Heine, Mus. Hein. iv. p. 168.—Gray, Hand-l. B. i. p. 82.—Sel. & Salv. Nomencl. Av. Neotr. p. 103.

—— *glocitans*, Licht. Preisverz. mex. Th. v. Deppe u. Schiede, p. 1, et Journ. f. Orn. 1863, p. 55.

“—— *morgani*, Swains.” Gould, Mon. Trog. ed. 1.

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

SINCE the first edition of the present Monograph but little has been added to the history of this beautiful Trogon. Great difficulty often attaches to the identification of the young male, which differs from the adult in having white bars on the tail-feathers. However, in the other edition, I was able to figure a young male, lent me by Mr. John Taylor, which shows the assumption of the uniform black tail, and thus precludes the idea that these individuals with different-coloured tails belong to different species. Mr. Taylor's specimens