

SIVA CYANOUIROPTERA, *Hodgs.*

Blue-winged Siva.

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Hemiparus cyanouropterus, Hodgs. Journ. Asiat. Soc. Beng., vol. x. p. 25.

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THE Blue-winged Siva recommends itself to our notice by the neatness and elegance of its contour, and the delicacy of its pretty markings. Blue is a colour rarely found among the smaller Indian birds; and as there is no other species of the genus *Siva* similarly coloured, it cannot well be mistaken. Although tolerably abundant in our collections, it is more rare than *Siva strigula*. Both species inhabit the same countries—Nepaul and Bhotan. Mr. Blyth states that Capt. Tickell found it about the sides of Mooleit; it is also said to be found in Assam. I have not yet, however, seen any examples from that country, but, among the drawings preserved at the India Museum, there is a figure of this species said to have been taken from a specimen obtained there.

Crown of the head and nape greyish blue, striated with bluish white; all the upper surface, wing and tail-coverts fawn-colour; spurious wing blue, margined on the outer edge and tipped with white; primaries deep blue on their outer webs, brownish black on the inner; outer webs of the secondaries dull greyish blue at the base, and white to the tip; the inner webs black, bordered with white; the two nearest the body fawn-colour on the outer web, black on the inner, bordered all round with white; two centre tail-feathers slaty brown, passing into black near the extremity, and narrowly fringed with white at the tip; the two next are blue on the outer and slaty brown on the inner webs, deepening into black near the extremity, and fringed with white at the tip; the two next are similarly coloured, but have a large blotch of white on the tip of the inner web, larger on the second than on the first; the outer feather on each side is black on the outer web to near the tip, which with the inner web is white; lores, space over the eye, and all the under surface white washed with vinaceous; irides dark brown; bill orange-brown; legs apparently light-yellowish brown, although in Capt. Boys's notes they were stated to be grey.

The figures are of the natural size. The plant is the *Rhododendron glaucum*.