PSALTRIA CONCINNA, Gould.

Elegant Tit.

The only specimen of this elegant little Tit I have seen is in the collection of T. C. Eyton, Esq., author of "A Monograph of the Anatidæ," and many other valuable contributions to ornithological science; one of the few private gentlemen who has devoted much of his time and fortune to the cultivation of this department of human knowledge, and who has liberally supported every work of merit pertaining to his favourite study. The true habitat of the Psaltria concinna is China, and the specimen referred to was killed at Chusan: it is most nearly allied to the P. erythrocephala, but differs from that bird in its smaller size, in the paler colour of the crown, in the absence of the post-superciliary stripe, in the black of the throat being entirely surrounded with white, and in the richer rusty-red of the flanks.

Of the habits, manners and economy of this pretty species, I regret to say, nothing is at present known; they doubtless closely assimilate to those of its near ally, the *P. erythrocephala*; but here again, unhappily, little has been recorded.

Forehead, crown and nape pale rust-colour; lores, space around the eye and the sides of the neck black; chin and throat white, with a large spot of deep black in the centre; back, wing- and tail-coverts dark grey; primaries dark brown, margined externally at the base with silvery-grey, and internally with buffy-white; tail greyish-brown, the outer feather margined externally and tipped with white, the two next on each with a lengthened oblique streak of white on the outer side of the tip; breast and flanks rich rusty-red; centre of the abdomen white; bill black; feet yellowish flesh-colour.

The figures are of the natural size.