

PARUS BUCCONUCHALIS, BGM.

Holom-nupel, Tm.

Verapostol, Tm. (Am. Soc. Sci., vol. 10, p. 810-11, in part, Cont. to Orn. 1888, p. 60)

Amongst the species very nearly allied to the *Parus subulturnus*, it possesses several characters which clearly distinguish it from that bird: in the first place, it is much larger in size; in the next, the nuchal spot is only white on the upper part, the lower portion being strongly tinged with redness and bluish; I have never seen an example with any tinge of redness on the abdomen. Mr. With, who appears to be the only person in India who has noticed it, gives the Tyan range of mountains north of Simla as its habitat.

Neither the British Museum's collection nor that at the Leyden House contains examples of this bird; but I have for many years had specimens in my own, and I had one in that of Mr. John Murray; this latter example was procured near Tyan, and my own is the northernmost of that locality. The bird evidently does not inhabit Nepal; for if it did, it would not have escaped the researches of Mr. Hodgson, who has made the most perfect collection possible both of the quadrupeds and birds of that country, and to whom the science of natural history is very exactly indebted.

Head, breast, and throat deep black; cheeks and ear-coverts white; upper half of the nuchal mark white; lower half buff; wings and under coverts yellow; remainder of the plumage very grey; the primaries and secondaries margined with blue-grey; bill black; legs and feet dusky grey.

The greatest size of the size of life.