Among Mr. Hodgson's Drawings in the British Museum I find a representation of the nest of this species; it appears to be a neat, round, cup-shaped structure, apparently composed of grasses, lined with vegetable fibres and similar materials, and ornamented externally with flat flakes of white lichens. The eggs are vinous red, speckled at the larger end with small dark brown spots.

The adult male has the entire head and crest deep glossy steel-green; upper surface white, with a fine line of black down the shaft of each feather; spurious wings and primaries black, narrowly edged externally with white; secondaries black, broadly margined on both webs with white, the two inner ones white, with a broad stripe of black down the centre, and a narrower one of the same hue along the margin of the inner web; tail white, the shafts of the two centre feathers black for more than one-third of their length from the base; the remaining feathers have their shafts black throughout their entire length, and are also narrowly margined with the same hue on their external webs; under surface white; eye very dark brown, surrounded by a carunculated lash of an azure-blue; bill azure-blue, with the tip of the upper mandible black; inside of the mouth olive-green; feet bluish black.

The adult female has the head and crest of the same colour as in the male; the whole of the upper surface, wings and tail rich lively chestnut; the inner webs of the primaries brownish; chest clouded with grey; abdomen and under tail-coverts white.

Young birds have the crown of the head and crest as in the adult; throat, breast, and back of the neck dark grey; upper surface, wings and tail chestnut, with the exception of the inner webs of the primaries, which are brown; abdomen and under tail-coverts buffy white.

For the details of the soft parts I am indebted to Mr. Blyth of Calcutta, who kindly sent me a very pretty drawing of them, from which the above description of their colours is taken.

The Plate represents adults of both sexes of the natural size, and a youthful bird in the distance.