

# IANTHÆNAS ALBIGULARIS, Bp.

## White-throated Pigeon.

- Ianthænas albigularis*, Bp. Compt. Rend. xxxix. p. 1105 (1854), xl. p. 218, sp. 125 (1855).  
*Carpophaga albigularis*, Bp. Consp. ii. p. 44 (1854).  
*Ianthænas halmadeira*, Bp. Consp. ii. p. 44 (1854).  
? *Carpophaga albogularis*, G. R. Gray, List Spec. B. Brit. Mus. Columbæ, p. 24 (1856).  
*Ianthænas halmacheira*, Bp. Compt. Rend. xliii. p. 837 (1856).  
*Ianthænas leucolæma*, Bp. Compt. Rend. xliii. p. 837 (1856).  
*Ianthænas albigularis*, Reichenb. Handb. Columbariæ, p. 118, sp. 295.—Id. op. cit., App. p. 183, t. vi. f. 66, 67 (1862).—Schl. Mus. Bays-Bas, Columbæ, p. 75 (1873).—Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civ. Gen. ix. p. 203 (1876).—Sharpe, Journ. Proc. Linn. Soc. xiii. p. 503 (1877).—Ramsay, Proc. Linn. Soc. N. S. W. iii. p. 293 (1878), iv. p. 101 (1879).—Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civ. Gen. xiv. p. 662 (1879).—Id. Orn. Papuasie e delle Molucche, iii. pp. 120, 560 (1862).—Sharpe, Journ. Linn. Soc. xvi. p. 446 (1882).  
*Carpophaga albogularis*, Gray, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1858, p. 196.—Id. Cat. B. New Guinea, p. 61 (1859).—Id. Proc. Zool. Soc. 1860, p. 361, 1861, p. 437.—Finsch, Neu-Guinea, p. 178 (1865).  
*Carpophaga halmahera*, Finsch, Neu-Guinea, p. 178 (1865).  
*Ianthænas halmadeira*, Wallace, Ibis, 1865, pp. 388, 398.  
*Carpophaga albigularis*, Schleg. Ned. Tijdschr. Dierk. iii. p. 206 (1866).—Rosenb. Malay. Archip. p. 323 (1879).  
*Columba albigularis*, Temm. Mus. Lugd. (Schleg. l. c.).  
*Ianthænas leucosoma*, Schleg. l. c.  
*Carpophaga leucolæma*, Gray, Hand-l. B. ii. p. 230, no. 9212 (1870).  
*Carpophaga halmadeira*, Gray, Hand-l. B. ii. p. 231, no. 9213 (1870).  
*Carpophaga albigularis*, Giebel, Thes. Orn. i. p. 588 (1872).  
*Carpophaga leucolæma*, Giebel, Thes. Orn. i. p. 586 (1872).  
*Carpophaga halmahera*, Rosenb. Reist. naar Geelvinkbaai, p. 8 (1875).  
*Ianthænas rawlinsonii*, Sharpe, Nature, 17 Aug. 1876, p. 339.—Ramsay, Proc. Linn. Soc. N. S. W. iii. p. 76 (1878).

THE complicated synonymy of this Pigeon, as given above, has been unravelled with much care by Count Salvadori, from whose book on the ornithology of Papuasie we have copied the greater part of our references, as the work has been so excellently done by our esteemed colleague in Turin. The history of the species resolves itself into a long account of the tangle of names through which it passes, and we do not propose to tire our readers with these details, which can be fully studied in Count Salvadori's volume above quoted.

Not only is the present species found all over New Guinea from the north-west to the south-east, but it also occurs in the Molucca Islands of Halmahera or Gilolo, Raou, Morotai or Morty Island, Ternate, Bourou, and Ceram. In New Guinea it has been met with in the Arfak Mountains and at Dorey, while in the south-eastern portion of that great island it has occurred near Port Moresby, as well as in the Sogeri district of the Astrolabe Range. It is also known from Salvati, Mysol, and Waigiou, as well as the Ké Islands. Nothing has been recorded concerning its habits.

The following description is taken from a specimen procured by Mr. H. O. Forbes in the Sogeri district of the Astrolabe Range:—

*Adult male.* General colour above black, the feathers glossed at the ends with green or coppery green, changing into pink under certain lights; lesser and median coverts black, with edgings similar to the feathers of the back, but much narrower; greater coverts, bastard-wing, primary-coverts, and quills black, only the innermost secondaries with green edgings; upper tail-coverts and tail-feathers black, the former slightly fringed with green at the ends; crown of head reddish purple, appearing grey under certain lights; hind neck, sides of neck and mantle entirely reddish or pink, with slight greenish reflexions; remainder of under surface lores, and sides of crown like the head; ear-coverts, cheeks, and throat white; remainder of under surface of body light coppery pink, the breast and abdomen varied with ashy bases to the feathers; thighs and under tail-coverts dark and flanks leaden grey, with greenish or coppery edges to the feathers; under wing-coverts, axillaries, and under surface of quills dark slate-colour. Total length 14 inches, culmen 0·95, wing 9·1, tail 5·0, tarsus 0·9.

The Plate represents an adult bird of the natural size, and the figure is drawn from Mr. Forbes's specimen described above.

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