In a subsequent note Mr. Swinhoe says the bird is "locally distributed throughout China as far as Peking. In North China it is only a summer visitant; in South China vagrant during winter. Represented in Japan and Formosa by larger varieties."

Crown of the head, back, scapularies, wing-, and upper tail-coverts deep steel-blue, a few of the white bases of the feathers showing at the upper part of the back; line over the eye, and collar at the back of the neck, rich chestnut-red; rump chestnut-red, striated with brown; wings and tail blackish brown, glossed with blue; under surface pale buff, with a conspicuous streak of dark brown down the centre of each feather; under tail-coverts largely tipped with steel-blue; bill black; feet brownish black.

The figures are of the size of life; the sexes do not appear to differ except in the female being smaller than the male.