

## PSITTACELLA BREHMII, *Rosenberg.*

### Brehm's Parrot.

*Psittacus brehmii*, Ros. *in lit.*, Schlegel, Obs. Zool. v., Ned. Tijdschr. voor de Dierk. iv. p. 35, 1873, ♀ (nec ♂).  
*Psittacella brehmii* (Ros.), A. B. Meyer, Cab. Journ. f. Orn. Jan. 1874, and Sitzungsber. der k.-k. Akad. de Wiss. zu Wien. lxi. p. 74, Febr. 1874.—T. Salvadori, Ann. del Mus. Civ. di St. Nat. di Genova, vii. p. 755, 1875.

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WHEN one has to deal with a species of Parrot so different from all others that have yet been discovered, there can be no difficulty with regard to synonymy, or need for many remarks on the differences between it and others.

The native country of this Parrot is the northern part of New Guinea, where it was first collected by Baron Rosenberg; but, if I rightly understand the sense of a letter to me from Dr. Meyer, Rosenberg only discovered the female, while he himself was fortunate enough to obtain both sexes:—"I procured within a few days five specimens, all in the same locality, two of which were males, and three females. The back of the male is similar to the same part in the female; but the plumage of the breast and flanks, instead of being crossed with crescentic bars, is uniform green; it is also the male alone that possesses the beautiful semicollar of bright yellow, an ornament which adds greatly to the beauty of this sex."

The male has the head, cheeks, and throat dark olive-brown; on the sides of the neck below the dark colouring of the cheek and throat brilliant jonquil-yellow; back, including the tail-coverts, green, crossed by narrow bands of black; upper part of the wing and tail bright grass-green; the same bright green also pervades the whole under surface; under tail-coverts bright scarlet; on the shoulders both above and below a patch of blue; bill bluish horn-colour; feet dark bluish-grey. In the female the yellow neck-bands and uniform green breast are wanting; in other respects she is similarly coloured.

Total length  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches; wings  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , tail  $2\frac{1}{4}$ , tarsi 1, bill  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

The figures are of the natural size.

*Hab.* Northern portions of New Guinea.