TROGON GIGAS, Vieill.

Giant Trogon.

- "T. Suprà flavescente-viridis, nitens; pectore, corpore subtùs albis; rostro flavo; pedibus fuscis."
- "Head, throat, neck, upper surface, scapularies, rump and upper tail-coverts shining golden green; chest and under surface white; tail golden green above, whitish grey beneath; centre of the wing finely rayed across with blackish green and white, the remainder of the wing brownish black; bill yellow; feet brown."
 - " Le Grand Couroucou à ventre blanc de Java, ou le Couroucou géant, Le Vaill. Hist. Nat. des Couroucous, Pl. 12."
 - " Le Couroucou géant, T. Gigas, Vieill. 2nd Edit. du Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. tom. 8. p. 315." Vieill. Tab. Ency. et Méth. troisième partie, p. 1359.

This species, like the *T. roseigaster*, is so extremely rare that I have never seen an example in any of the numerous collections I have examined. M. Temminck informs me that he has a specimen as stated by Le Vaillant, but owing to the Leyden collection being at present inaccessible, he could not favour me with the loan of it; I have therefore thought it best to copy Le Vaillant's figure, with a slight alteration as to position, and subjoin below all that he has said respecting it.

"This handsome Indian species is not only new, but the largest of its genus. It is 18 inches long from the top of the head to the extremity of the tail. Its body is twice the size of the largest American species.

"I have only seen three specimens of this fine species; one in the collection of M. Carbintus at the Hague, a second at Rotterdam in the possession of M. Gevers, and another in the large and splendid collection of my friend M. Temminck at Amsterdam. This individual, from which our figure was taken, was sent along with many other birds from Java. I have seen a fourth specimen in the Paris Museum; but as it was in an imperfect state, it has not as yet been placed in the gallery."