

LAMPROCORAX MINOR, *Ramsay*.

Lesser Brown-winged Starling.

Sturnoides minor, Ramsay, Proc. Linn. Soc. N. S. Wales, vi. p. 726 (1882).—Id. op. cit. vii. p. 26 (1883).

Lamprocorax? minor, Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civic. Genov. xviii. p. 426 (1882).—Id. Orn. Papuasie e delle Molucche, iii. App. p. 500 (1882).

Calornis fulvipennis, Tristram, Ibis, 1882, p. 137 (nec Jacq. et Puch.).

Sturnoides (Lamprotornis) minor, Ramsay, Proc. Linn. Soc. N. S. Wales, vii. p. 668 (1883).

BOTH Lieut. Richards and Mr. Stephen have met with this species in the island of San Christoval in the Solomon Archipelago, and Canon Tristram has kindly lent us a specimen obtained in that island by the first-named naturalist. It would appear to be a smaller species than *L. grandis*, which it much resembles, and if Mr. Ramsay is correct, both species occur in the island of San Christoval (cf. Proc. Linn. Soc. N. S. Wales, vii. p. 668); but we fancy that he has written "San Christoval" by a slip of the pen instead of Guadalcanar and Lango, in which islands Mr. Cockerell met with it (cf. Ramsay, *op. cit.* iv. p. 76).

The following is a description of the specimen lent to us by Canon Tristram:—

Adult female. General colour above glossy greenish black, each feather with a mesial streak of glossy green; wing-coverts black, edged with glossy green; bastard-wing and primary-coverts black; quills dark brown, internally pale brown, the secondaries much lighter brown, forming a marked contrast to the colour of the back; upper tail-coverts like the back; tail-feathers dark brown; crown of head like the back, as also the sides of the face; ear-coverts, cheeks, throat, and fore neck like the back and similarly streaked; rest of the under surface greenish black, but not so plainly streaked; under wing-coverts and axillaries like the breast; quills below dusky, reddish on the inner web: "bill black; feet black; iris red" (*G. E. Richards*). Total length 8 inches, culmen 0·8, wing 4·35, tail 2·8, tarsus 1·05.

The two figures in the accompanying Plate represent the species of the size of life; they are drawn from the specimen lent to us by Canon Tristram.

P.S.—This Plate was prepared some months before the letterpress was written, and it was lettered *L. grandis* from Canon Tristram's identification of the specimen. Subsequent study has shown us that this identification was wrong; but the mistake was not found out in time to alter the Plate, which was already printed off.

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