TROGON MELANURUS, *Swains.*

Black-tailed Trogon.

Mas. *Trog. vertice, pectore summo corporeque suprà, intensè aureo-viridibus ; loro, plumis auricularibus, gulâque nigris, hôc colore in aureo viridi transeunte ; pectore albo transversìm fasciato ; corpore subtùs pulcherrimè coccineo ; alis nigris, in medio lineis delicatis albis striatis, primariisque extùs albo marginatis ; caudâ nigrâ, rectricibus sex intermediis, purpureo et viridi tinctis ; duabus externis extùs lineis obscuris albis striatis ; rostro flavo ; pedibus stramineis.*

Fœm. *Capite, corpore suprà, gutture pectoreque intensè cinereis ; alis nigris obscurè in medio striis albis notatis ; caudâ nigrâ, rectricibus duabus externis extùs, crissoque coccineis.*

Male. Crown of the head, chest and all the upper surface dark golden green ; space between the bill and the eye, ear-coverts and throat black gradually passing into the golden green ; breast crossed by a band of white, beyond which all the under surface is rich fiery scarlet ; wing black, the centre striated with fine wavy lines of white, and the primaries margined externally with the same colour ; tail black, the six centre feathers tinged with purple and green, and the outer web of the lateral feather on each side faintly striated with white, as in the centre of the wing ; bill yellow ; feet straw yellow.

Female. Head, all the upper surface, throat and breast dark grey ; wings and tail black, with a faint indication of the white striæ on the centre of the wing and the outer webs of the lateral tail-feathers ; vent and under tail-coverts scarlet.

Total length, 12 inches ; *bill*, $1\frac{1}{8}$; *wing*, $6\frac{1}{4}$; *tail*, $6\frac{1}{4}$; *tarsi*, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Le Couroucou d'Amerique mâle à ventre rose, Le Vaill. Hist. des Couroucous, Pl. 1.
——————— *à ventre rose dans son premier âge*, Hist. des Couroucous, Pl. 2.
Couroucou à ventre rouge de Cayenne, Buff. Pl. Enl. 452. male, 737. female.
Trogon Curucui, Griff. An. Kingd. vol. vii. p. 474.
——— *melanurus*, Swains.

The present bird is one of the oldest known and commonest species of the genus, but so much confusion has existed respecting the South American members of the group that I have been induced to adopt the specific title of *melanurus* given to this species by Mr. Swainson. Both sexes are figured by Le Vaillant in his "Histoire des Couroucous et des Barbus," Pls. 1 and 2, and he states it to be a native of Cayenne. I have myself frequently observed it in collections from Demerara, and if I mistake not from Trinidad. Mr. Natterer also informs me that he once, and only once, observed it on the banks of the River Paraguay ; I am therefore led to consider that the interior of Demerara will constitute its natural habitat.

By mistake the name of *nigricaudata* has been inserted on the Plate instead of *melanurus*.