

## PTILOTIS FLAVOSTRIATA, Gould.

### Yellow-streaked Honey-eater.

*Ptilopus flavostriata*, Gould, P. Z. S. 1875, p. 316.

If Australia is peculiar for its Lyre-birds and for its mound-building Megapodes and Brush-Turkeys, it certainly presents a no less marked feature in the extraordinary development of the family of Meliphagidæ (or Honey-eaters) within its limits. Nor can we suppose that the number of species known to us from that continent is yet exhausted, seeing that not a year passes without our receiving some notable addition to our list of the Australian species of this group of birds. The one which I have now the pleasure to introduce to my readers is from the neighbourhood of Rockingham Bay, in Queensland, and was sent to me for examination by Mr. Waller of Brisbane, to whom it appeared undescribed. Of this there is no doubt; and I have accordingly described the species under the name of *flavo-striata*, on account of the yellow chest-streaks which are such a conspicuous feature in the bird's appearance.

The following is my original description of the species :—

Head and hind neck dusky blackish, with a distinct shade of olivaceous on the crown, leaving a pure black patch on each side of the occiput; hind neck distinctly marked with triangular spots of dull white; mantle straw-yellow, the bases to the feathers dusky brown; scapulars brown, with large triangular whitish spots; lower back and rump brown, with dull olive margins to the feathers; upper tail-coverts and tail brown, paler at tip, the feathers narrowly margined with olive; wing-coverts brown, with large triangular whitish spots as on the scapulars, the greater series dark brown, tipped with whitish and margined with whity brown; quills dark brown, externally edged with olive and slightly tipped with whitish; region of the eye bare and yellow; the few feathers on the ear-coverts hoary; cheeks dull olivaceous buff, running into a distinct tuft of bright yellow; throat greyish white, washed with olive on the lower part; chest olivaceous, distinctly streaked with shaft-lines of bright yellow, the breast paler, the feathers being brown with broad triangular longitudinal spots of white; flanks and under tail-coverts light brown, washed with olive; under wing-coverts yellowish buff; the lower surface of the wings and tail ashy brown, with broad rufous-buff margins to the inner webs. Total length  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, bill  $1\frac{1}{8}$ , wing  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , tail 3, tarsus  $1\frac{1}{8}$ .

The figures in the Plate are of the size of life.