

STIGMATOPS KEBIRENSIS, *Meyer.*

Kebir Scaly-throated Honey-eater.

Stigmatops kebirensis, Meyer, in Madarasz, Zeitschr. ges. Orn. i. p. 218 (1884).

This species has lately been described by Dr. Meyer from specimens sent to him by Mr. Riedel, and we have thought it advisable to give a figure of it in the present work.

As might be expected, it is very closely allied to *Stigmatops squamata* from the neighbouring group of islands; and it is somewhat remarkable that any difference should be found in specimens from adjacent islands like Kebir and Timor Laut, when examples from the latter island-group are not to be distinguished from others collected in the island of Choor, which is much farther distant from Timor Laut than Kebir.

The adult *Stigmatops kebirensis* is a much greyer bird than *S. squamata*, especially on the wings. Underneath, the squamations or mottlings of the plumage are confined to the lower throat and chest, not extending nearly so far down the breast. Beyond this we cannot perceive any differences, and the distinctive characters must be admitted to be very slight.

The pair sent by Dr. Meyer measure as follows:—

	Total length.	Culmen.	Wing.	Tail.	Tarsus.
<i>a.</i> Ad. Kebir (<i>Riedel</i>)	5·3	0·75	2·95	2·3	0·80
<i>b.</i> ? Juv. Kebir (<i>Riedel</i>)	5·0	0·80	2·90	2·4	0·75

The second specimen, which, in spite of some of its larger dimensions, we take to be a somewhat younger bird, is greener than the type, especially on the wings and sides of the body, but it preserves the more restricted mottling on the breast which distinguishes the species from *Stigmatops squamata*.

The Plate represents an adult and a somewhat younger bird, of the size of life. The figures are drawn from the pair of birds described above and lent to us by Dr. Meyer.

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