TROGON CALIGATUS, Gould.

Booted Trogon.

Trog. Capite, collo, pectoreque intensè violaceis; dorso, uropygio tectricibusque caudæ intensè et metallicè viridibus; alâ nigrâ, in medio cinereâ, lineisque delicatis nigris undatim notatâ; primariis extùs albo marginatis; rectricibus caudæ duabus intermediis, nec non proximis duabus ad barbam externam, intensè et metallicè viridibus, his ad barbam internam et ad apicem, illarumque apicibus nigris; ad has utrinquè proximâ nigrâ extùs albo notatâ; reliquis alternatim albo nigroque fasciatis, ad apicem largè albis; lateribus cinereis; abdomine medio, crissoque aurantiacis; plumis femorum tarsorumque nigris, fimbriâ albâ anticè ad basin digitorum; rostro cærulescenti-corneo; pedibus olivaceis.

Head, neck, and chest deep violet; back, rump, and upper tail-coverts deep metallic green; centre of the wing grey, marked transversely with very minute, irregular, and wavy lines of black; remainder of the wing black, with the primaries edged externally with white; two centre tail-feathers and the outer web of the next on each side deep glossy green, the inner webs of the two latter, and the tips of all six black; the next on each side black, with a row of white spots on the outer margin; the three lateral feathers on each side alternately barred with black and white, and largely tipped with white; flanks grey; centre of the abdomen and under tail-coverts orange yellow; feathers of the thighs and tarsi black terminating in a fringe of white immediately above the toes; bill bluish horn colour; feet olive.

Total length, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill, 1; wing, $4\frac{1}{2}$; tail, 5; tarsi, $\frac{1}{2}$.

Trogon caligatus, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc. Part VI. 1838.

I REGRET exceedingly that it is not in my power to lay before my readers any account relative to the history of the elegant little Trogon figured in the accompanying Plate. My own specimen, which is a male, is the only one I have seen; I procured it during a recent visit to Paris, from a collection of South American birds: I was unable to obtain any information respecting its true habitat; but that portion of South America which extends from the Spanish Main to the River Amazon will in all probability ultimately prove to be its native locality.

It is one of the least of the genus, and is rendered remarkable by the circumstance of the tarsi being thickly clothed down to the toes; the black bars on the outer tail-feathers are also broad, and well-defined; and, contrary to what obtains in every other species, these bars are not confined to the three lateral feathers, but the outer web of the fourth partakes of the same character, although to a less extent.