

## PACHYCEPHALOPSIS FORTIS.

### Grey-throated Thickhead.

*Pachycephala fortis*, Gadow, Cat. Birds in Brit. Mus. vol. viii. p. 369 (1883).

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WE have already had the pleasure of figuring two species of *Pachycephalopsis* in the present work, and we now introduce to our readers a third very interesting species, recently discovered by Mr. A. Goldie during his explorations at the back of the Astrolabe range of mountains in South-eastern New Guinea.

The present species is somewhat allied to *P. hattamensis*, but is strikingly different, being distinguished by the uniform grey throat and breast, the pale yellow under tail-coverts, and the absence of rufous on the wings. It resembles the last-named species, however, in its olive-green back and grey head.

The following is a description of the type specimen in the British Museum :—

*Adult.* General colour above olive-greenish; wing-coverts like the back, the greater and primary-coverts dusky, externally edged with olive-green, the bastard-wing feathers grey; quills dusky brown, externally olive-green, browner on the primaries, the inner secondaries entirely like the back; tail-feathers dull olive-brown, greener on the edges and barred with dusky under certain lights; head and nape slaty grey, as also the sides of the neck, ear-coverts, and sides of face; lores greyish white; cheeks, throat, and breast pale grey, with narrow dusky shaft-streaks to some of the feathers of the fore neck; abdomen creamy white; sides of body pale brown washed with olive; thighs ashy washed with olive; under tail-coverts yellowish white washed with olive-yellow; under wing-coverts and axillaries pale olive-yellow; quills dusky below, ashy along the edge of the inner web. Total length 6·6 inches, culmen 0·85, wing 3·65, tail 2·75, tarsus 1·05.

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