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POMAREA UGIENSIS, Ramsay.

Ugi-Island Flycatcher.

Pomarea (Monarcha) ugiensis, Ramsay, Journ. Linn. Soc., Zool. xvi. p. 128 (1881); Reichenow & Schalow, J. f. O. 1882, p. 224.

Pomarea ugiensis, Tristram, Ibis, 1882, pp. 136-142; Salvad. Ann. Mus. Civ. Genov. xviii. p. 442 (1882).

Monarcha ugiensis, Salvad. Orn. Papuasia, etc. ii. p. 531 (1882).

This species was discovered by the Rev. George Brown in the island of Ugi, and Captain Richards afterwards met with it in the same island, to which it is probably confined. It is a very large species, and exceeds in size both *P. castaneiventris* of San Christoval and *P. nigra* of the Society and Marquesas Islands; its uniform glossy black plumage, which is peculiar to both sexes, is also a striking characteristic of the species. Count Salvadori would refer it to the genus *Monarcha*; but after carefully examining the specimens in the British Museum, we believe that its place is in the genus *Pomarea*, where it has been placed by Mr. Ramsay and Canon Tristram.

The following is a description of the typical specimen, which has been lent to us by Mr. Ramsay:—

Adult female (type of species). General colour above glossy blue-black; lesser and median wing-coverts black, edged with the same colour as the back; greater coverts, bastard wing, primary-coverts, and quills black, slightly and almost imperceptibly washed with blue-black on the outer web; tail-feathers glossy black, with dusky cross markings under certain lights; lores and base of forehead velvety black; sides of face and ear-coverts, cheeks and under surface of body glossy blue-black, duller black in the centre of the abdomen; "bill blue-black, whitish on the tips and margins of the mandibles; legs and feet black" (*Brown*). Total length 7 inches, culmen 0·8, wing 3·5, tail 3·15, tarsus 0·85.

In the Plate are given two representations of this species, of about the natural size, in different positions; the figures are drawn from the type specimen above described.

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