## PIEZORHYNCHUS BROWNI, Ramsay.

Brown's Flycatcher.

Monarcha (Piezorhynchus) browni, Ramsay, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1882, p. 711.—Salvad. Orn. Papuasia, etc. iii. App. p. 531 (1882).

Though closely resembling P. brodiei in general appearance, this species may be distinguished by the longer bill, the greater extent of white on the outer tail-feathers, and especially by the much greater extent of black on the throat, which reaches to the chest. The consequence of this is that the white patch on the hinder cheeks is entirely shut off from the white breast, whereas in P. brodiei the two join.

The only specimen of *P. browni* that we have seen is the typical example from Marrabo, in the Solomon Islands, of which we give a description. We are indebted for the loan of this example to the kindness of our friend Mr. E. P. Ramsay.

Adult male. General colour above blue-black; lesser wing-coverts like the back, those adjoining the greater series broadly tipped with white; median wing-coverts white, the outer ones black at the base; greater coverts white, forming with the others a large wing-patch; bastard wing, primary-coverts, and quills black; tail-feathers black, all but the two centre feathers tipped with white, increasing in extent greatly towards the outermost; lores, feathers below the eye, and ear-coverts black; fore part of cheeks also black, the hinder cheeks white, extending in a large patch on to the sides of the neck; throat blue-black, the feathers scaly in appearance; fore neck and chest also black, united by the black sides of the neck and the mantle; breast, abdomen, and under tail-coverts white, the feathers adjoining the black throat having black bases; thighs black; under wing-coverts and axillaries white, with black bases to the feathers; coverts near the edge of the wing black; quills black below. Total length 7 inches, culmen 0.7, wing 3.45, tail 3.3, tarsus 0.85.

The Plate represents the adult male above described, in two positions, of the size of life.

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