MACHÆRIRHYNCHUS NIGRIPECTUS, Schlegel.

Black-breasted Flycatcher.

Machærirhynchus nigripectus, Schlegel, Obs. Zool. v., Ned. Tijdschr. voor de Dierk. iv. p. 43 (1873).—George Dawson Rowley, Proc. Zool. Soc. May 1876, p. 414.

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Or this very rare species I have received two specimens, from which the accompanying drawing was taken, one very kindly lent to me by Geo. Dawson Rowley, Esq., of Brighton, the other from Dr. Meyer, of Dresden, through the hands of Mr. Gerrard. Both these, I believe, are from the northern part of New Guinea. I regret to be unable to state any particulars as to the habits and disposition of this bird; but its peculiarly constructed bill would naturally lead me to infer that aphides and very soft-winged gnats constitute a great portion of its food.

Face hoary, eye surmounted by a stripe of yellow; throat, ear-coverts, neck, and under surface bright yellow; on the chest a somewhat lengthened tuft of feathers, which are black at their bases and yellow at their tips, giving the appearance of a dark patch on this part of the under surface; crown of head and upper surface generally very dark grey tinged with olive; tail-feathers black, all but the four centre ones margined and tipped with white; wings blackish, the lesser and greater wing-coverts and tertiaries tipped with white; bill and legs black. In size this bird about equals *M. xanthogenys* and *M. albifrons*.

Total length $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, wing $3\frac{3}{8}$, tail $2\frac{1}{2}$, tarsi $\frac{5}{8}$, bill $\frac{1}{2}$.

The figures in the accompanying Plate, and which I suppose to represent the male and female, are of the size of life.

Hab. Arfak Mountains, New Guinea.