

## TROGON COLLARIS, Vieill.

### Collared Trogon.

#### SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Trog. suprâ aureo-viridis; reatricibus intermediis sex aureo-viridibus nigro apiculatis, pogoniis internis (nisi intermediarum duarum) nigris, cæteris nigro alboque fasciatis; remigibus nigris pogoniis externis albis, secundariis alæque mediæ plumis transversè flexuosim nigro alboque lineatis; auribus gulâque nigris; gutture aureo-viridi; pectore torque lunatâ albâ cincto; ventre caudæque tetricibus inferioribus coccineis.*

*Irides saturatè brunneæ; rostrum flavo-aurantiacum; pedes saturatè cinerei.*

*Fœm. brunnea est ubi mas aureo-viridis; reatricibus tribus extimis utrinque nigro lineolatis punctatisque alboque apiculatis.*

*Rostrum brunnescenti-aurantiacum.*

*Male.* Crown of the head and whole of the upper surface rich golden green; throat and ear-coverts black; two middle tail-feathers golden green; the two next on each side golden green on their outer edge, the inner webs being black, and the whole six tipped with black; the three outer feathers on each side strongly barred with black and white; primaries black with their outer edges white; secondaries and middle of the wing transversely rayed with zigzag markings of white and black; a semilunar collar of white separates the golden green of the chest, from the abdomen, which, with the under tail-coverts, is scarlet; bill rich yellowish orange; irides dark brown; feet dark grey.

*Female.* Head, chest, and upper surface brown; two middle tail-feathers rich chestnut brown, the two next on each side chestnut brown on their outer webs and black on the inner; the three lateral feathers on each side freckled with black and tipped with white; a band of white separates the brown of the chest from the abdomen, which is scarlet as in the male; bill brownish orange.

Total length,  $9\frac{3}{4}$  inches; bill,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; wing,  $4\frac{3}{4}$ ; tail,  $5\frac{1}{4}$ ; tarsi,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Le Couroucou Rosalba.* Le Vaill. Hist. Nat. de Couroucou, pl. 6.

*Trogon collaris.* Vieill. l'Encyclopédie Méthodique, vol. 3. p. 1362.

Spix, Av. Sp. Nov. vol. 1. p. 50.

THE rich golden green of its plumage, together with the brilliant scarlet of the breast, the strong and decided markings of the tail, and the perfect pectoral band of white, are the principal features by which this elegant species may be distinguished from its congeners; for although the *Trogon elegans* possesses almost the same style of markings, the transverse bars of black that vary its much more elongated tail are considerably finer and more numerous.

The *Trogon collaris* is found in Brazil and Cayenne, from any localities to the north of which countries I have never seen specimens. Although different members of these birds rarely associate, yet M. Natterer informs me that he once observed this species in company with the *Trogon variegatus*, on the banks of the Rio Negro; and he considers that in all probability they were effecting a partial migration, from one part of the country to another: the stomachs of several of this species which he examined contained the remains of fruits and caterpillars.

The plumage of the sexes differs considerably; those parts which in the male are rich golden green, being of a deep brown in the female: the tail of the latter is also extremely different, being entirely destitute of the strong bars of black and white which characterize that of the male.