

TROGON MELANOPTERUS, Swains.

Black-winged Trogon.

(Young male.)

In the foregoing Plate I have illustrated an adult male and female of this fine species, and in the description I have mentioned the great difference in the colouring of the sexes, and the circumstance of the plumage of the young male of the year being strictly similar to that of the female; the present Plate represents a young male in the intermediate state, when, as will be perceived, it has partially acquired the rich purple of the head, and the mature tail, with the exception of one feather, which still retains the characteristic markings of immaturity. I would here repeat that the adult male of this species has the three outer tail-feathers on each side black at their base with tips of pure white, while the same feathers in young males of the year, and in the females at all ages, are strongly barred with black and white. These changes are always effected by the acquisition of new feathers.