

PSEUDOGERYGONE CINEREICEPS, *Sharpe.*

Grey-headed Flycatcher.

*Pseudogerygone cinereiceps*, Sharpe, Nature, 1886, p. 340.

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THERE is not much to say about this little Flycatcher, which belongs to an Australian group which have much the appearance of the Willow-Warblers of more northern latitudes. The present species was discovered by Mr. H. O. Forbes in the Sogeri district of the Astrolabe Mountains, at a height of 1750 feet above the sea. Its nearest ally appears to be *P. flavilateralis* of New Caledonia, which is yellow-sided like *P. cinereiceps*, but is a larger bird and has a great deal of white on the tail.

The following description is taken from the typical specimen :—

*Adult female.* General colour above yellowish green, rather more olive on the upper tail-coverts ; lesser and median coverts like the back ; greater coverts, bastard-wing, primary-coverts, and quills dusky brown, externally edged with yellowish green, brighter on the margin of the quills, the innermost secondaries also washed with greenish ; tail-feathers ashy brown, edged with yellowish green, with a very distinct subterminal bar of black before the tip, which is ashy brown, with a tiny spot of white at the end of the inner web, scarcely visible ; crown of head ashy with a faint tinge of green ; lores white, extending above the fore part of the eye ; feathers round eye, ear-coverts, and cheeks ashy brown ; throat and under surface of body white, the sides of the upper breast ashy brown ; lower breast and abdomen purer white ; sides of body and flanks pale sulphur-yellow ; thighs ashy brown ; under tail-coverts white, washed slightly with yellow ; under wing-coverts and axillaries white, edged with yellow ; quills below dusky, white along the inner edge : “ bill black ; legs and feet lavender ; iris rich lake ” (*H. O. Forbes*). Total length 3·5 inches, culmen 0·4, wing 1·9, tail 1·25, tarsus 0·65.

The Plate gives an illustration of an adult bird in two positions, drawn from the specimen described above.

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