# TROGON MELANOCEPHALA.

## Black-headed Trogon.

Specific Character.

*Trog. capite, gutture, pectoreque nigris; dorso caudæque tectricibus superioribus saturatè viridibus purpureo parum tinctis; alis caudâque nigris, rectricibus intermediis duabus viridi tinctis, extimis utrinque tribus maculâ quadratâ albâ apicali notatis; ventre tectricibusque caudæ inferioribus aurantiacis.*

*Rostrum cærulescenti-cinereum.*

Bill bluish grey; whole of the head, occiput, throat, and chest black; back and upper tail-coverts deep green with a tinge of purple; wings black; breast and under tail-coverts orange; tail black, the two middle feathers tinged with green, and the three outer ones on each side black, tipped with a square spot of white.

Total length, 11½ inches; *bill*, 1; *wing*, 5½; *tail*, 6; *tarsi*, 1.

*Trogon melanocephala.* Gould, Proceedings of Zool. Soc., Part III.

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A single specimen of this new *Trogon* formed part of a series of birds collected in the neighbourhood of Tamaulipas, a district of Mexico situated between Vera Cruz and the Bay of Honduras. Although it possesses several characters by which it may be distinguished from all others of its race, the most novel and striking feature is the colouring of the head and chest, which is uniform dull black, in consequence of which I have given it the specific appellation of *melanocephala*. The specimen above mentioned is now in the collection of the Zoological Society of London, where it will be at all times available to those who may wish to examine it personally. I regret to add that it was much mutilated, although not to such an extent as to prevent me from making an accurate drawing of it. I feel confident that the specimen is that of a fully adult male, and that in point of affinity it is closely allied to *Trog. melanopterus*, from which, independently of its black head, it may readily be distinguished by having less white on the three outer tail-feathers, and by the square manner in which the white is joined to the black.