

# HARPACTES DUVAUCELI, Temm.

Duvaucel's Trogon.

## SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas.—*Capite et gula nigris; dorso fusco; uropygio nitide coccineo.*

*Male*.—Head and throat jet-black; breast, under surface, rump and upper tail-coverts of the finest scarlet; back reddish cinnamon-brown; wings black, the coverts and secondaries crossed by numerous fine lines of white; primaries margined at the base of their external webs with white; two centre tail-feathers dark cinnamon-brown, tipped with black; the two next on each side blackish brown; the three outer ones on each side blackish brown at the base, and largely tipped with white; bill, gape, and a naked space over the eye ultramarine blue; irides reddish brown; feet blue.

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

*Female*.—Head dark brown; back dark cinnamon brown, becoming lighter and washed with scarlet on the lower part of the back and upper tail-coverts; wing-coverts and secondaries alternately barred with ochreous and black; primaries dull black, margined externally with greyish white; under surface orange-brown, becoming lighter and washed with scarlet on the lower part of the abdomen and under tail-coverts; two centre tail-feathers light cinnamon-brown throughout their entire length, the remainder as in the male.

*Trogon Duvaucelii*, Temm. Pl. Col. 291.—Gould, Mon. of Trogons, pl. 32.

*Harpactes rutilus*, Gray, List of Spec. of Birds in Coll. Brit. Mus., p. 44.—Gray and Mitch.

Gen. of Birds, vol. i. p. 71, *Harpactes*, sp. 5.—Blyth, Cat. of Birds in Mus. Asiat. Soc.

Calcutta, p. 80.—Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av., p. 150, *Harpactes*, sp. 1.—Horsf. and Moore,

Cat. of Birds in Mus. East Ind. Comp., vol. ii. p. 712.

*Trogon rutilus*, Vieill. 2<sup>de</sup> édit. du Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., tom. viii. p. 313.—Ib. Ency.

Méth. Orn., part iii. p. 1358.—LeVaill. Hist. Nat. des Courouc., pl. 14.

*Trogon cinnamomeus*, Temm. Mon. of Trog. in Pl. Col.

*Harpactes Duvaucelii*, Swains. Class. of Birds, vol. ii. p. 337.

*Trogon (Harpactes) Duvaucelii*, Gould, Mon. of Trogons, List of Plates, sp. 32.

*Trogon fasciatus*, var.  $\beta$ , Lath. Gen. Hist. of Birds, vol. iii. p. 213.

*Ranguba* of the Natives of Malacca.

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By most ornithologists the present species is considered identical with the bird figured by LeVaillant in his "Histoire Naturelle des Couroucous" under the name of *Trogon rutilus*; but as that figure does not agree with any member of the family, and must have been coloured after the artist's fancy, I consider M. Temminck perfectly justified in giving a new specific name to the bird here represented. Vieillot's description is equally as faulty as LeVaillant's figure, for he commences his description by stating that the head of the bird is of a sombre green; the back, scapularies, rump and upper tail-coverts of a lively red, and the six middle tail-feathers of the same hue;—whereas the head is jet-black, the back and scapularies of a light cinnamon-brown, the upper tail-coverts fine scarlet, and the two middle tail-feathers only of a cinnamon-brown. LeVaillant's artist doubtless had this or some nearly allied species in view; but the colouring could not have been copied from a real specimen, and Vieillot's description was probably taken