

## PHONYGAMA

*Phonygama purpureviolacea*, Meyer

In species of *Phonygama* from which the metallic colours are at present indistinctly under *laetis*, and we have ourselves *P. laetis* and *P. jamaica*. We have also *P. laetis* from the Horseshoe range. *P. laetis* is much larger than *P. jamaica*, and the colour is more glossy, and the colour is more iridescent. It will probably be found at all parts of New Guinea itself, from East Cape in Southern New Guinea to the west coast. It is quite possible that the species before us at the present time is a worn and bleached individual of *P. laetis*; but it is apparently a new species, and is not *P. laetis* from Aleya, in South-eastern New Guinea. *P. purpureviolacea* is a more blue and steel-green than *P. laetis*; and it shows a more iridescent blue on the old feathers of the wing are more blue, without asserting dogmatical doubt in our own minds that it is a new species. The figures in the Plate represent *P. laetis* in the Horseshoe