

example, which at that time was unique, had been obtained at Mindanao. Since that period specimens have been brought to England by the late Hugh Cuming, from Manilla; I myself have received several fine examples from other parts of the Philippine Islands, and more recently still I have had the opportunity of examining specimens in the Museum at Washington, which had been obtained by the United States Exploring Expedition in the Island of Mindanao—the locality whence came Baron Laugier's specimen; but the species is still comparatively rare in the cabinets of Europe.

The researches of the American naturalists enable me to give a more correct representation of this beautiful bird than I could when the first edition of this Monograph was published, they having carefully noted the colouring of the soft parts. The information respecting it is still, however, extremely meagre, the following short note, transcribed from the 'Mammalogy and Ornithology of the United States Exploring Expedition, 1858,' being all that has been recorded:—"Both Dr. Pickering and Mr. Peale mention the occurrence of this fine species on the Island of Mindanao, one of the Philippines. The latter remarks, 'Our specimen was killed on the 31st of January, near Sambuanga, in the Island of Mindanao. It sits crosswise on the small branches of trees and bushes, and is very active in taking insects on the wing. The clear sunlight, at three o'clock in the afternoon, did not appear to incommode it or others observed at the same time.'"

The Plate represents two sexes, of the size of life. The plant is the *Hoya cinnamomifolia*.