

TROGON ELEGANS.

Graceful Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Trog. facie, capite anticè, auribus, guttureque nigris; pectore, cervice, dorso, tectricibusque caudæ superioribus viridibus; torque pectorali albâ; ventre tectricibusque caudæ inferioribus coccineis; alis brunnescenti-nigris, in medio cinereis albo transversim flexuosè lineatis; remigum pogoniis externis albo fimbriatis; rectricibus duabus intermediis proximarumque duarum utrinque pogoniis externis cupreo-viridibus, harum pogoniis internis nigris, omnibus ad apicem latè nigris; reliquis ad basin nigris, ad apicem albis, in medio præsertim pogonii externis albo nigroque fasciatis.*

Fœm. *Auribus in medio lineâque oculum albis; torque pectorali subobsoletâ; suprâ et ad pectus cinereo-brunneus olivaceo tinctus; alis in medio cinereis maculis saturatioribus notatis; remigibus brunneis; ventre anticè brunnescenti-griseo in coccineum posticè transeunte; rectricibus duabus intermediis sordidè castaneis, apicibus nigris, duabus proximis utrinque nigris, reliquis ad basin nigris, ad apicem albis, in medio albis nigro sparsim maculatis.*

Rostrum flavum: tarsi brunnei.

Male. Face, fore part of the head, ear-coverts, and throat black; chest, back of the neck, back, and upper tail-coverts green; a white crescent separates the green of the chest from the breast, which together with the belly and under tail-coverts is scarlet; wings brownish black, the primaries having their outer edges fringed with white; secondaries and centre of the wings grey, strongly marked with zigzag transverse lines of black; two middle tail-feathers green with bronzy reflections on their outer webs, only the inner webs black; all six are largely tipped with black; the remaining six black at the base and white at the tip, the middle portions of these latter feathers barred with black and white, which is most strongly depicted on their outer edges; feet brown; bill fine gamboge yellow.

Female. Bill yellow; centre of the ear-coverts and a small rim round the eye white; the whole of the upper surface and chest greyish brown with a tinge of olive; primaries brown, their outer edges fringed with white; centre of the wings and secondaries grey, faintly speckled with spots of a darker colour; a faint pectoral band of white separates the feathers of the chest from those of the breast, which is light brownish; grey on the upper part, gradually passing into the scarlet of the hinder part and under tail-coverts; two centre tail-feathers dull chestnut brown tipped with black, two next on each side black, the remainder are black at the base and white at the tip, the middle portion being white, irregularly blotted with black.

Total length about 12 inches; *wing*, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{3}{4}$; *tail*, $7\frac{1}{4}$.

Trogon elegans. Gould, Proceedings of Zool. Soc., Part II. p. 26.

THE beautiful bird here figured under the specific title of *elegans* is a native of Guatemala, a country rich beyond measure in zoological stores, and of the numberless productions of which a large proportion are yet to be characterized by the scientific.

The Graceful Trogon was received from Paris, to which city it was sent from Guatemala in company with several other species, as the *Trog. resplendens*, &c.

In point of affinity it is most nearly allied to the bird we have called *ambiguus*, the chief point of difference being in the decided barring of the outer tail-feathers, and in the stronger marking on the wings.

The lengthened tails of many of the Mexican Trogons seems a feature which distinguishes them from all the other Trogons of the new continent; but in this particular the *Trog. elegans* is especially conspicuous, possessing as it does a more lengthened tail than any other of the smaller species of this genus.

The female is readily distinguished from the male by her more obscure and less gaudy colouring, a description of which is given above.

The Plate represents a male and female.