

## TROGON ATRICOLLIS, Vieill.

### Black-throated Trogon.

#### SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Trog. vertice, dorso, pectoreque viridibus; alis in medio nigris cinereo maculatis; remigibus nigris pogoniis externis albo fimbriatis; auribus guttureque nigris, hoc posticè albo obsoletè cincto; pectore ventrequè aurantiaco; rectricibus duabus intermediis subcupreo-viridibus nigro apiculatis, duabus proximis utrinque nigris pogoniis externis viridi fimbriatis, cæteris prope rhachin nigris pogoniis albo nigroque fasciatis et ad apicem albis.*

Fœm. *Capite, dorso, gutture, rectricibusque sex intermediis brunneis, his nigro apiculatis; remigibus cæteris obsoletiùs fasciatis; ventre minus aurantiaco.*

*Rostrum flavum olivaceo nebulosum.*

*Male.* Beak yellow clouded with olive; throat and ear-coverts black; chest, top of the head, and the whole of the upper surface green; the two middle feathers of the tail are green with slight bronzy reflexions, the two next on each side are black, with their extreme outer edges of the same colour as the two middle ones, the tips of the whole six being black; the three outer ones on each side are regularly barred with black and white on their outer edges and slightly so on their inner ones, while their centres are black and their tips white; centre of the wings beautifully freckled with grey on a black ground; primaries black, with their extreme outer edges white; under surface fine orange, separated from the black of the throat by an obscure half band of white; feet brown.

*Female.* Head, throat, upper surface, and six middle tail-feathers brown, the latter slightly tipped with black; the remaining tail-feathers as in the male, but not so regularly barred; the centre of the wings freckled with brown on a black ground; the primaries black margined on the outer edges with white; under surface orange, but less pure than in the male.

Total length about 9 or 10 inches; *wing*,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; *tail*, 6.

Male. *Yellow-bellied Green Cuckoo.* Edw., vol. 7. pl. 331. p. 256.

*Couroucou aranga.* LeVaill., Hist. Nat. des Couroucous, pl. 7. le mâle adult, pl. 8. la jeune, et pl. 15. le mâle bicoloré.

*Couroucou aranga.* Vieill., 2nd edit. du Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., tom. 8. p. 318.

Female. *Couroucou à queue rousse.* Buff., vol. vi. p. 293. Pl. Enl. 736.

*Trogon rufus.* Lath., Ind. Orn., 1. 209. Gm. Linn. 1. 404.

*Rufous Curucui.* Lath., Gen. Hist., 2nd edit., vol. 3. p. 309. pl. 49.

FIGURES of both sexes of this species have graced the pages of many ornithological publications, in almost every one of which it has been subjected to a different name. The female, from the dullness of her colouring when compared with her gaily-attired mate, has, in most instances, been characterized as a distinct species; and had not the illustrations of this bird been tolerably good, it would have been unsafe to have quoted so many synonyms as are recorded above.

I am induced to believe that the *Yellow-bellied Green Cuckoo* of Edwards is identical with the male, while the female is represented by Buffon in his Planches Enluminées under the title of *Couroucou à queue rousse*; it is also the *Rufous Curucui* of Dr. Latham.

In the splendid work of LeVaillant will be found figures of both the sexes under the name of *Couroucou aranga*, which name has been followed by Vieillot, who has figured the male in the second edition of his Nouveau Dictionnaire d'Histoire Naturelle, under the scientific name of *Trogon atricollis*. Although this latter name has not, perhaps, a strict claim to priority, yet in a case like the present, where the female has been described as a distinct bird from the male, and as it appears doubtful whether the latter is identical with the old *Trogon viridis*, I have thought it best to follow Vieillot in giving to this species the specific title which he has applied to it.

Habitat, Guiana, Cayenne, and the banks of the Amazon.

The Plate represents both the male and female.