

HARPACTES FASCIATUS.

Fasciated Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Trog. capite, gutture pectoreque fuliginoso-nigris, hinc torque lato albo; ventre coccineo; dorso et supracaudalibus sordidè arenaceo-brunneis; scapularibus et tectricibus alarum majoribus nigris albo flexuose fasciatis; remigibus nigris, pogoniis externis albo fimbriatis; rectricibus duabus intermediis subcastaneis nigro apiculatis, proximis duabus utrinque nigris prope rhachin brunneis, reliquis ad basin nigris, ad apicem albis.

Fœm. Capite, dorso, gutture pectoreque sordidè brunneis; ventre luteo; pectore haud torquato; scapularibus nigro brunneoque fasciatis.

Rostrum nigrum, mandibularum basi et regione ophthalmicâ nudâ cæruleis.

Male.—Head, neck, and breast sooty black, bounded below by a narrow crescent of white separating the sooty black of the breast from the rich carmine-red of the rest of the under surface; upper wing-coverts orange-brown, becoming paler and brighter on the rump and upper tail-coverts; wings black, the coverts and secondaries crossed with numerous fine irregular bars of white, and the primaries narrowly edged with the same hue externally; the two centre tail-feathers chestnut, narrowly tipped with black, the next on each side chestnut at the base and black at the tip, the chestnut advancing in a bifurcated form towards the tip of the outer web; the next on each side entirely black, the three lateral feathers on each side black at the base, largely tipped with white, the white advancing on the margin of the outer web nearly to the base, and the black along the shaft to the tip; irides deep brown; bill and orbits fine deep cobalt-blue; legs light blue.

Female.—Differs from the male in having the head and neck brown, with a yellowish tinge on the chest; the under surface rich ochraceous, and the bars on wings ochraceous brown instead of white.

Total length about 12 inches; wing 5.

Trogon fasciatus. Gm. S. N. i. p. 405: Penn. Ind. Zool. p. 35, pl. iv.

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Harpactes malabaricus. Sw. Classif. B. ii. p. 337.—Gray, Cat. Fissir. Brit. Mus. p. 44.

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Pyrotrogon fasciatus. Cab. & Heine, Mus. Hein. ii. p. 156.

Kufni Churi, of some Hindoos.

Kurna, of the Mahrattas.

Kakerni Hukhi, of the Canarese.

Rantvam Kondea, of the Cingalese (Kelaart).

THE Malabar Trogon is found in Southern India and Ceylon, where it represents the Malayan *Harpactes kasumba*. The male differs from that of the last-named species in its smaller size and sooty-black head and neck; while the female of *H. fasciatus* wants the breast-band, which is conspicuous in the hen of *H. kasumba*.