

AULACORAMPHUS CÆRULEOGULARIS, Gould.

Blue-throated Groove-bill.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

*Aul. gulâ cæruleâ.*

Upper surface dark green, with an olive tint on the head and nape, and of a brighter green on the rump and upper tail-coverts; primaries blackish brown, margined externally at the base with dark green; tail deep green, passing into blue towards the extremity, and tipped with rich chestnut; throat and fore part of the cheeks cærulean blue; under surface green, washed with yellow on the flanks and abdomen; under tail-coverts rich chestnut; bill black, with the exception of the upper part of the sides of the upper mandible and the apical portion of the culmen, which are greenish yellow, passing into purer yellow at the tip; on the sides of both mandibles at the base a broad band, which on the upper one is yellow, and on the lower white; orbits red; legs and feet greenish lead-colour.

Total length,  $12\frac{1}{4}$  inches; bill,  $2\frac{7}{8}$ ; wing,  $4\frac{1}{4}$ ; tail,  $4\frac{3}{4}$ ; tarsi,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ .

*Aulacoramphus cæruleogularis*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., February 22, 1853.

THE new species of Groove-Bill figured on the accompanying Plate was killed by Berthold Seemann, Esq., Naturalist to H.M.S. Herald, together with other ornithological rarities, in Veragua. It is very nearly allied to *A. albivitta*; but may be at once distinguished from that species by its rich blue throat, by the band at the base of the bill being much broader and yellow on the upper mandible, instead of white, and by the under surface being washed with yellow, while in the other it is pure green. I regard the discovery of this new species with the greatest interest, as an important addition to the present group, especially as it arrived at an opportune moment for including it in the present Monograph.

The figures are of the natural size.

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