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AULACORAMPHUS CÆRULEICINCTUS. Blue-banded Groove-bill.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

*Aul. rostro plumbeo, apice tomiisque pallide corneis; uropygio sanguineo; mento, gulâ, genarum
parte anticâ lineolâque supra oculos albidis.*

Crown of the head, back, wings and tail dark grass-green; across the upper tail-coverts a broad patch of deep blood-red; four centre tail-feathers largely tipped with chestnut-brown; stripe over the eye, sides of the face and throat white washed posteriorly with blue; ear-coverts, chest and all the under surface yellowish green, deepening into rufous on the under tail-coverts; across the lower part of the chest a band of light blue; primaries black, margined externally with green; bill dark bluish lead-colour, becoming lighter towards the tip, which, as well as the serrations of both mandibles, are whitish horn-colour; feet lead-colour.

Total length, $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill, $3\frac{3}{4}$; wing, $5\frac{3}{4}$; tail, $6\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Pteroglossus cæruleicinctus, D'Orb. Voy. dans l'Amér. Mér. Ois., tab. 66. fig. 2.—Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. ii. p. 404, *Pteroglossus*, sp. 30.

— *Lichtensteinii*, Sturm's Edit. of Gould's Mon. of Ramph.

Aulacoramphus cæruleicinctus, Bonap. Conspl. Gen. Av., p. 96, *Aulacoramphus*, sp. 8.

LIKE *Aulacoramphus atrogularis*, this well-marked species is an inhabitant of the Cinchona woods, clothing the eastern slopes of the Peruvian Andes, where it is known to the Indians by the name of *Chukimbi*.

This species was named by the Messrs. Sturm *Pteroglossus Lichtensteinii*, in honour of my old and valued friend Dr. Lichtenstein, the Director of the Royal Museum in Berlin, and it would have given me very great pleasure to have retained this justly complimentary appellation for so fine a bird; but as I find that it had been previously called *cæruleicinctus* by M. D'Orbigny, the law of priority obliges me to give this name the preference.

The *Aulacoramphus cæruleicinctus* is rendered remarkable by the blue-grey colouring of its bill, by its white throat, and by the cærulean blue band crossing the chest. It is a very rare species, but specimens are contained in the Royal Museum at Berlin, in the Collection at the Jardin des Plantes at Paris, and in my own.

The figures are of the natural size.