

## AULACORAMPHUS HÆMATOPYGIUS, Gould.

Blood-rumped Groove-bill.

### SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

*Aul. rostro brevi, castaneo-rubro; mandibulâ inferiore in medio, et culmine nisi ad basin nigro undulatis; uropygio coccineo.*

Crown of the head and upper surface brownish green; wings dark green; rump crimson; four middle tail-feathers deep bluish green, largely tipped with chestnut-brown, the remainder green; under surface green, faintly stained with blue down the sides of the neck and across the breast with light blue; bill chestnut-red, becoming paler towards the point, and clouded with black on the middle of the lower mandible and along the culmen; at the base of the bill a band of straw-white, which increases in breadth as it proceeds downwards.

Total length, 14 inches; bill,  $2\frac{3}{4}$ ; wing,  $4\frac{3}{4}$ ; tail,  $5\frac{1}{4}$ ; tarsi,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Pteroglossus hæmatopygus*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part II. p. 147.—Gould, Mon. of Ramph., pl. 33.—Ib. Sturm's Edit., pl. —Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. ii. p. 404, *Pteroglossus*, sp. 28.

*Aulacoramphus hæmatopygus*, Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av., p. 96, *Aulacoramphus*, sp. 6.

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On reference to the edition of this work published in 1834, it will be seen that my figure of this species was taken from a specimen obligingly lent me by N. C. Strickland, Esq. It now forms part of my own collection; and on again comparing it after the lapse of twenty years with every other known species, I can come to no other conclusion than that it is quite distinct from the whole of them: the one to which it is most nearly allied is the *A. castaneorhynchus*, figured on the preceding Plate, but from which it differs in its much smaller size, and in its proportionally shorter and stouter bill; differences which perhaps may be considered trivial, but as they are found to exist in a specimen which is evidently adult, I cannot do otherwise than consider it distinct.

The native habitat of this bird is quite unknown to me—probably some portion of the Cordillerian Andes. The figure is exactly of the natural size.

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