

SELENIDERA PIPERIVORA.

Culik Toucanet.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Sel. rostro nigro, basin versus in rubrum transeunte; capite collo pectoreque nigris; corpore superiore olivaceo-viridi.*

Fœm. *Cervice castaneâ; jugulo pectoreque cinereo, viridi-lavatis.*

Male.—Crown of the head, back of the neck, throat and breast glossy black; ear-coverts and crescent-shaped mark at the base of the neck behind rich orange-yellow; upper surface deep oil-green; wings and tail deep green, the feathers of the latter tipped with chestnut; lower part of the abdomen olive-green, mixed with yellow; thighs mingled chestnut and green; under tail-coverts blood-red; basal fourth of the upper and basal half of the lower mandible red, the remainder black, a few of the serrations near the gape white; orbits beautiful green, with a streak of blue on their upper margin; irides red; legs green.

Total length, $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches; *bill*, 3; *wing*, $4\frac{1}{2}$; *tail*, $4\frac{1}{2}$; *tarsi*, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Female.—Crown of the head black; back of the neck chestnut; throat and chest grey, washed with green; under surface yellowish olive; thighs brownish olive; the other parts as in the male.

Ramphastos piperivorus, Linn. Syst. Nat., tom. i. p. 150.—Gmel. Edit., vol. i. p. 353.—Bor. Nat., tom. ii. p. 92.—Lath. Ind. Orn., tom. i. p. 138.—Vieill. Ency. Méth. Orn., part iii. p. 1433.

Tucana Cayanensis torquata, Briss. Orn., tom. iv. p. 429. pl. xxxii. fig. 2.—Ib. 8vo, tom. ii. p. 163.

Koulik, Buff. Hist. Nat. des Ois., tom. vii. p. 128.

Toucan à collier de Caïenne, Buff. Pl. Enl., 577, male.

Toucan à ventre gris, Ib., 729, female.

Green Toucan, Edw. Glean., pl. 330.

Piperine Toucan, Lath. Gen. Syn., tom. i. p. 334.—Id. Supp., p. 67.—Shaw, Gen. Zool., vol. viii. p. 372.—Lath. Gen. Hist., vol. ii. p. 291.

Pteroglossus Culik, Wagl. Syst. Av., *Pteroglossus*, sp. 10.—Gould, Mon. of Ramph., pl. 27.

L'Araçari Koulik de la Guyane, Levaill. Hist. Nat. des Ois. de Parad., tom. ii. pp. 35, 37. pls. xiii. xiv.

Pteroglossus piperivorus, Sturm's Edit. of Gould's Mon. of Ramph., pl. —Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. ii. p. 404, *Pteroglossus*, sp. 24.

Selenidera piperivorus, Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av., p. 95, *Selenidera*, sp. 6.

This species inhabits Cayenne and the whole of the low fluvial countries bordering the river Amazon, from its embouchure to Barra on the Rio Negro, whence I have received specimens. It differs in some slight degree from the typical species of the genus *Selenidera*; more, however, in its colouring than in its structure, in which it is very similar; the difference in the colouring too is principally in the female, which in lieu of the nuchal crescent of yellow observable in the females of the other species, has a broad band of chestnut, and instead of the usual lively chestnut colouring of the under surface, has that part greyish green.

This bird is known in the countries it inhabits by the name of Culik, from the peculiarity of its cry, and is said to feed principally on peppers, which induced Linnæus to give it the specific name of *piperivorus*.

The Plate represents the two sexes of the natural size.