TAB. XXXIV.

LAMPROTORNIS SPILOPTERUS.

Mas. *Lamp. supra plumbeo-canus, plumis ad apicem fusco marginatis; subtus albus, rufo tinctus; uropygio rufescenti; remigibus atris viridi splendentibus, maculâ albâ; caudâ brunneâ; gulâ intensè rufâ.*

Fœm. *supra pallidè brunnea, subtus albescens, brunneo tincta.*

Statura *Lamp. cantoris.*

THE general form of this bird allies it at first sight to the genus *Lamprotornis*; but its want of the brilliantly coloured and glossy plumage which distinguish that group appears in some measure to evince a deviation from that genus: form, however, and other more stable characteristics than the tints of plumage, claim undoubtedly a precedence; and it is consequently figured and named as *Lamprotornis spilopterus*, an entirely new species of that group.

The specimen represented was from the mountains, to which in all probability it is strictly confined.

In the male, the upper parts are of a grey tinge obscurely mottled with blueish brown; the rump is brown; the quills glossy black with greenish reflections, and barred across the base with white; the tail is dark brown; the throat bright rufous; the under parts are whitish with a wash of the same, becoming deeper about the flanks; the beak and tarsi are deep brown.

The female is of a uniform greyish brown above, fading into a paler hue over the whole of the under parts.

The male and female are figured of their natural size.