

EUCEPHALA SCAPULATA, *Gould.*

Black-bellied Sapphire.

- Eucephala scapulata*, Gould, *Intr. Trochil.* 8vo, p. 166 (1861).—Sclater & Salv. *Nomencl. Av. Neotr.* p. 93 (1875).—*Muls. Hist. Nat. Oiseaux-Mouches*, ii. p. 34 (1875).
—Elliot, *Ibis*, 1874, p. 88; id. *Synopsis of the Humming-Birds*, p. 229 (1878).
—Eudes-Deslongchamps, *Annuaire Mus. d'Hist. Nat. Caen*, i. p. 456 (1881).
Hylocharis scapulata, Gray, *Hand-list of Birds*, i. p. 148, no. 1914 (1869).
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THE type of the present species still remains in my collection, and is apparently the only one yet known. It belongs to the green-headed section of the genus *Eucephala*, has the throat and chest blue, and is further distinguished by having the under tail-coverts brown with blue centres, and the abdomen brownish black.

The locality of *Eucephala scapulata* is supposed to be Cayenne; but I have no certain information on this point.

The following is a copy of my original description:—

“Crown of the head, back of the neck, and lower part of the back very deep dull green; throat and chest glittering greenish blue, imperceptibly passing into the dull brownish black of the abdomen; under tail-coverts brown, with a wash of dull blue in the centre of each feather, a mark of blue on each side at the insertion of the wing, forming an indistinct band across the back; upper tail-coverts bronzy green; tail steely black, rather short for the size of the bird, and slightly forked; wings deep purplish brown; tarsi clothed with intermingled greyish-white and brown feathers; upper mandible black; basal half of the under mandible fleshy, the apical half black.” Total length $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches, bill $\frac{7}{8}$, wing $2\frac{1}{16}$, tail $1\frac{3}{8}$.