## AMAZILIA CUPREICAUDA, Salvin & Godman.

Copper-tailed Amazili.

Amazilia cupreicauda, Salvin & Godman, Ibis, 1884, p. 452.—Salvin, Ibis, 1885, p. 435.

Mr. H. Whitely discovered the present species in British Guiana, having met with it on Roraima and on the Merumé Mountains. It is stated by Messrs. Salvin and Godman to be allied to A. viridiventris, but to differ in its less forked tail, cinnamon vent, and in the coppery cinnamon, instead of violet, colour of the tail; they found these characters quite constant in a considerable series of skins sent by Mr. Whitely.

The following is a translation of the original description:—

Top of the head and entire body below brilliant green, the back tinged with copper-colour; upper tail-coverts and tail dark cinnamon, washed with copper-colour; a patch on the flanks and the thighs snowy white; vent pure cinnamon without spots; upper mandible dusky, the base of the mandible pale for two thirds of its length. Total length 3.5 inches, wing 2.0, tail 1.15, bill from gape 0.8.

The figures in the Plate represent the adult male in three positions, and have been drawn from one of the typical specimens lent to us by Messrs. Salvin and Godman.

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## AMAZILIA IODURA.

White-vented Amazili.

Trochilus iodurus, Saucerotte, MSS. in Mus. Hein.

Saucerottia iodura, Reichenb. Aufz. der Colibri, p. 8 (1853).—Eudes-Deslongchamps, Ann. Mus. d'Hist. Nat. de Caen, i. p. 418 (1880).

Chlorestes iodurus, Reichenb. Handb. Trochil. p. 4, Taf. 698. figs. 4560-61 (1855).

Hemithylaca iodura, Cab. & Heine, Mus. Hein. Th. iii. p. 39 (1860).

Pyrrhophæna iodura, Gould, Intr. Trochil. p. 159 (1861).—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Oiseaux-Mouches, i. p. 299 (1875).

Eratina iodura, Heine, Journ. für Orn. 1863, p. 190.

Polytmus iodurus, Gray, Hand-list of Birds, p. 132 (1869).

Amazilia iodura, Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 223 (1878).

We have not seen an example of this Humming-bird, nor has Mr. Elliot, who refers it to the neighbourhood of A. mariæ and A. cyanura, but considers that the purplish-violet colour of the tail and the white under tail-coverts will serve to distinguish it.

The habitat is stated to be Colombia, and the following is a translation of the original description:—

Head, neck, breast, upper back, and wing-coverts brilliant green, the throat a little mixed with white;

wings bluish green, very broadly edged with pale fulvous; tail bright purplish violet; abdomen fulvescent;

went white. Total length 3 inches 3 lines, wing 2 inches, tail 1 inch 2 lines, culmen 9 lines.

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