# EUPHERUSA EGREGIA, *Scl. & Salv.*

## Panama Stripe-tail.

*Eupherusa egregia*, Sclater & Salvin, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1868, p. 389.—Lawrence, Ann. Lyc. New York, 1869, p. 146.—Salvin, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1870, p. 210.—Sclater & Salvin, Nomencl. Av. Neotr. p. 92 (1873).—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Oiseaux-Mouches, i. p. 274 (1874).—Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 213 (1878).

*Polytmus egregius*, Gray, Hand-list of Birds, i. p. 133, no. 1701 (1869).

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Of the three known species of *Eupherusa*, *E. poliocerca* inhabits Mexico, *E. eximia* Guatemala, and *E. egregia* Costa Rica and Panama. The latter is distinguished from *E. eximia* in the tail-markings, the four central feathers being dark greenish bronze, and the remaining feathers white margined with black.

*E. egregia* was discovered by the well-known collector Arcé at Castello and Calovevora, in the province of Veragua, in the State of Panama. Messrs. Sclater and Salvin give the following account of it:—"Arcé has sent two specimens of this apparently distinct species of *Eupherusa* in one of his collections from Western Veragua. The male is not quite adult, and would probably eventually lose all traces of the irregular dark margins of the outer tail-feathers, as in the female no traces of these spots appear. In *E. eximia* the whole outer web of the two external rectrices is black, which renders the two allies readily distinguishable."

The following is a translation of the original description:—

"Above bright green, the primaries dusky tinged with purple, the secondaries chestnut at base, with the tip purple; underneath shining green, with the belly whitish; two outer tail-feathers on each side white, externally irregularly margined and tipped with black; the six middle ones black, tinged on the upper surface of the outer web with bronze; bill black; feet yellow. Total length 4 inches, wing 2·3, tail 1·4, bill from gape 0·85.

"*Female.* With the under surface white, some of the lateral feathers margined with shining green; two lateral tail-feathers entirely white."

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