AGYRTRIA APICALIS.

Black-tipped Emerald.

Thaumatias apicalis, Gould, Intr. Trochil. 8vo, p. 154 (1861).—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Ois.-Mouches, i. p. 252 (1874).—Elliot, Ibis, 1878, p. 51.
Agyrtria apicalis, Heine, Journ. für Orn. 1863, p. 184.—Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 207 (1878).
Agyrtria terpna, Heine, Journ. für Orn. 1863, p. 184.

Mr. Elliot places this bird in close proximity to *A. fluviatilis*, from which it differs in the colour of the tail and throat. The latter is golden green as well as the breast, and the centre tail-feathers are green broadly tipped with blue-black, the remainder being black tipped with white. The same gentleman has added *A. terpna* of Heine as a synonym of *A. apicalis*, as he could not find any real points of specific distinction in the description of the latter species.

Mr. Gould describes the species as follows:—"Of about the same size as *A. fluviatilis*, with an equally lengthened bill; the upper surface golden green; the centre of the abdomen and under tail-coverts pure white; the four outer tail-feathers steel-black, margined with pure white at the tips. Total length $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, bill 1, wing $2\frac{1}{8}$, tail $1\frac{1}{4}$."

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AGYRTRIA MACULICAUDA.

Guiana Emerald.

Thaumatias maculicaudus, Gould, Intr. Trochil. 8vo, p. 154 (1861).—Scl. & Salv. Nomencl. Av. Neotr. p. 92 (1873).—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Ois.-Mouches, i. p. 250 (1874).—Elliot, Ibis, 1878, p. 51.
Agyrtria maculicauda, Heine, Journ. für Orn. 1863, p. 184.

According to Mr. Elliot this species is closely allied to *A. fluviatilis* and *A. apicalis*, but has the centre tail-feathers green, tipped with black, the next ones on each side being bronzy green for two thirds of their length, the rest black; the remainder are green at the base, then black, with a metallic green spot on the tip, which graduates into white on its upper edge.

Its habitat is Guiana, and the following is a copy of the original description given by Mr. Gould:—

"*Adult*. This is a very little species with a long thin bill; its breast is green as in the others. Centre of the abdomen white; under tail-coverts white, except in the centre, where they are dark brown; the two centre tail-feathers bronzy green, except at the extreme tip, which is greenish black, the next on each side bronze for half their length, then black; the three outer ones on each side bronzy green at base, then broadly zoned with black, next to which they are green, and lastly white. Total length $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, bill $\frac{7}{8}$, wing 2, tail $1\frac{1}{8}$."

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