AGYRTRIA CÆRULEICEPS.

Blue-headed Emerald.

Thaumatias cæruleiceps, Gould, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1860, p. 307.—Id. Intr. Trochil. 8vo, p. 152 (1861).—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Ois.-Mouches, i. p. 240 (1874).—Elliot, Ibis, 1878, p. 52.

Agyrtria cæruleiceps, Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 206 (1878).

The present species belongs to the section of the genus Agyrtria in which the throat and breast are metallic green. It is allied to A. nitidifrons, but differs in having the crown of the head and back of the neck shining greenish blue. It comes from Colombia, and the types are in the Gould Collection.

The following is the original description of the species:—

"Crown of the head and back of the neck deep shining greenish blue; back and shoulders green, passing into bronzy green on the rump and upper tail-coverts; tail nearly uniform bronze, with a very faint indication of a zone of brown across the outer feathers near the tip; wings purplish brown; sides of the neck glittering bluish green, the blue tint predominating on the ear and immediately under the eye; centre of the throat and chest broken glittering green and white; flanks bronzy green; under tail-coverts grey, with brown centres; upper mandible dark brown; under mandible yellow, except the tip, which is dark brown. Total length $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, bill $\frac{15}{16}$, wing $2\frac{1}{8}$, tail $\frac{1}{2}$."

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AGYRTRIA FLUVIATILIS.

Riverine Emerald.

Thaumatias fluviatilis, Gould, Intr. Trochil. 8vo, p. 154 (1861).—Scl. & Salv. Proc. Zool. Soc. 1866, p. 194.—Iid. Nomencl. Av. Neotr. p. 92 (1873).—Elliot, Ibis, 1878, p. 51.—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Ois.-Mouches, i. p. 253 (1874).

Agyrtria fluviatilis, Heine, Journ. für Orn. 1863, p. 184.—Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 207 (1878).—Tacz. Orn. Pérou, i. p. 404 (1884).

The present species is placed, according to the arrangement set forth by Mr. Elliot, in the section of the genus in which the crown of the head is dull green, and the under tail-coverts white with a central streak of brown or green. It differs from all its near allies in having a black tail, and the throat and breast grass-green with a slight bluish tinge.

The original specimens are in the Gould Collection, and were received from the Rio Napo. It was afterwards met with by Mr. Edward Bartlett on the Lower Ucayali at Yurimaguas, and Mr. Hauxwell has sent specimens from Pebas. Mr. Stolzmann has likewise met with the species at Yurimaguas.

The figures in the Plate have been drawn from a male bird procured in the latter locality, and lent to us by Messrs. Salvin and Godman. [R. B. S.]