ERIOCNEMIS DYSELIUS, *Elliot.*

Black-vented Puff-leg.

Eriocnemis dyselius, Elliot, Ibis, 1872, p. 294.—Sclater & Salv. Nomencl. Av. Neotr. p. 91 (1873).—Mulsant, Nat. Hist. Oiseaux-Mouches, iii. p. 50 (1876).—Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 194 (1878).

This species is unknown to me; but the type is in Mr. Elliot's collection. It is supposed to have come from Ecuador; but Mr. Elliot does not state from whom he received the specimen. It belongs to the section of the genus in which the downy puffs on the tarsi are white, and it differs from all the allied species in having the under tail-coverts purplish black instead of grey, green, or shining blue.

Mr. Elliot writes:—"Among the many groups that comprise the great family of the Trochilidæ, there are few more strongly characterized than that of *Eriocnemis*, from the fact that all its members are possessed of very conspicuous tufts of various colours, viz. white, black, brown, or brown and white, which cover the tarsi, and from which the species have obtained the trivial name of 'Puff-leg.'

"Four specimens, precisely alike, were, as I was informed, contained in the small collection of birds from which my example was taken; and although no locality was given, it is supposed that Ecuador is the habitat of the species. I propose to call it, from its sombre plumage, *Eriocnemis dyselius*."

The following is a copy of Mr. Elliot's original description:—

"Head, and entire upper parts, black with a purplish gloss; upper tail-coverts having a very dark greenish gloss; throat and underparts black, but not of so deep a shade as the upper parts, purplish on the abdomen; wings purplish black; tarsi thickly covered with pure white downy feathers; under tail-coverts purplish black; tail rather deeply forked, steel-blue, with purple reflections; the bill is perfectly straight and rather slender. Total length 4 inches, wing $2\frac{1}{4}$, tail $1\frac{1}{2}$, bill $\frac{3}{4}$."

ERIOCNEMIS CHRYSORAMA, *Elliot.*

Blue-vented Puff-leg.

Eriocnemis chrysorama, Elliot, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. (4) xiii. p. 375 (1874).—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Oiseaux-Mouches, iii. p. 44 (1876).—Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 193 (1878).

The present species is from Ecuador, and is, as far as I know, only represented in collections by the single typical specimen in the possession of Mr. Elliot. It belongs to the section of the genus *Eriocnemis* with white puffs on the legs, and is distinguished further by its metallic yellowish-green throat, its general copper-coloured plumage, steel-blue tail, and shining blue under tail-coverts.

The following description is taken from Mr. Elliot's 'Synopsis:'—

"Upper and lower surfaces metallic fiery copper-colour; chin and throat metallic yellowish-green, golden yellow in some lights; upper tail-coverts luminous yellowish green; under tail-coverts white on their basal half, rest blue; wings purplish brown; tail much forked, steel-black; tarsal tufts pure white; bill black. Total length $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches, wing $2\frac{1}{4}$, tail $1\frac{3}{4}$, bill $\frac{7}{8}$."