

## THALURANIA JELSKII.

### Jelski's Wood-Nymph.

*Thalurania jelskii*, Tacz. Proc. Zool. Soc. 1874, p. 138.—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Oiseaux-Mouches, iii. p. 70 (1877).—Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 101 (1878).—Eudes-Deslongchamps, Ann. Mus. d'Hist. Nat. de Caen, i. p. 320 (1880).—Tacz. Orn. du Pérou, i. p. 295 (1884).

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JELSKI'S Wood-Nymph was discovered by the well-known Polish traveller after whom the species is named, at Soriano in Peru. Mr. Elliot writes concerning the present bird:—"This is a diminutive of *T. nigrofasciata*; and there is absolutely no difference between the two except in size. The rectrices of *T. jelskii* are narrow, but not more so than accords with its dimensions. I compared the type with specimens of *T. nigrofasciata*, and could distinguish no difference, save that *T. jelskii* was a little smaller."

The Plate represents the adult male in three positions, and is drawn from a specimen lent to us by Dr. Taczanowski.

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## THALURANIA FURCATOIDES, Gould.

### Para Wood-Nymph.

*Thalurania furcatoides*, Gould, Monogr. Trochil. ii. text to *Th. furcata*.—Id. Intr. Trochil. 8vo, p. 77 (1861).—Selater & Salvin, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1867, p. 584.—Salvin & Elliot, Ibis, 1873, p. 357.—Selater & Salvin, Nomencl. Av. Neotr. p. 83 (1873).—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Oiseaux-Mouches, iii. p. 73 (1877).—Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 100 (1878).—Eudes-Deslongchamps, Ann. Mus. d'Hist. Nat. de Caen, i. p. 317 (1880).

*Thalurania forficata*, Cab. & Heine, Mus. Hein. Th. iii. p. 24 (1860).—Gould, Intr. Trochil. p. 77 (1861).

*Polytmus furcatoides*, Gray, Hand-list of Birds, i. p. 130, no. 1655 (1869).

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THE species of *Thalurania* from the Lower Amazons seems to differ constantly from *T. furcata* of Cayenne in being smaller, in having the tail less forked, and the breast ultramarine blue instead of purplish blue. We have seen some specimens from Para which bore out these differences; but whether it is true *T. furcata* or *T. furcatoides* which was procured by Natterer at Barro do Rio Nigro, only an examination of specimens can decide (*cf.* Pelzeln, Orn. Bras. p. 30).

The type of *Th. forficata* of Cabanis and Heine was sent from Berlin and examined by the late Mr. Gould, but he did not identify it for certain with his *T. furcatoides*. Messrs. Salvin and Elliot (*l. c.*) have, however, no doubt as to its being synonymous.

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