

THALURANIA HYPOCHLORA, *Gould.*

Citado Wood-Nymph.

Thaluria hypochlora, Gould, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1870, p. 804.—Salvin & Elliot, Ibis, 1873, p. 360.—Elliot, Synopsis of the Trochilidæ, no. 102.—Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Ois.-Mouches, tom. iii. p. 66.

THE discovery of this fine Wood-Nymph is due to Mr. Buckley, who procured both sexes at Citado, in Ecuador. Soon afterwards these specimens came into my possession, and, I am happy to say, are in fine condition. If we examine the adult male it will be found that the crown of the head is a beautiful green like the under surface, the uniform green colour of which forms one of this bird's chief characteristics. The Brazilian bird, *Thaluria glaucopsis*, somewhat resembles it; but that bird has the crown blue and not green like *T. hypochlora* or many other Wood-Nymphs. It also has been compared to *T. verticeps*, and others have been considered somewhat like it. It is in the green colour of the crown being the same as that of the under surface that *T. hypochlora* differs from any other Wood-Nymph. As might be expected in a bird so recently discovered, nothing has been recorded of its habits, which must be like those of its near allies.

The colouring of the male may be thus described:—Three parts of the crown and entire underparts of the body a beautiful green; upper surface (that is, from the occiput to the tail-coverts) deep grass-green, with a beautiful patch of blue on the shoulder extending for a short distance onto each side of the breast; under tail-coverts blackish blue, edged with white; bill black; feet brownish black.

Female. All the upper surface grass-green; throat, abdomen, and under tail-coverts grey, darker and inclining to green on the flanks; tail purplish black, slightly tipped with white, the white tipping being of lesser extent than on the outer feathers. Size rather less than that of male.

Total length of male 4 inches, bill $\frac{7}{8}$, wing $2\frac{1}{2}$, tail $1\frac{3}{4}$.

Habitat. Citado, in Ecuador.

The Plate represents two males and a female, of the natural size.