UROSTICTE RUFICRISSA, *Lawrence.*

Red-vented White-tip.

Urosticte ruficrissa, Lawrence, Annals of the Lyceum of Nat. Hist. New York, viii. p. 44 (1864).—Sclater & Salv. Nomencl. Av. Neotr. p. 87 (1873).—Muls. Hist. Nat. Oiseaux-Mouches, iii. p. 103 (1876).—Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 90 (1878).

The genus *Urosticte* was established by me in my introduction to the present Monograph for the reception of the single species at that time known, *U. benjamini*. The bill is much longer than the head, and straight, the tail being slightly forked, and the tarsi clothed. One special characteristic is the beautiful luminous throat; while the sexes are different in colour; the female being much less brightly plumaged. Its nearest ally would appear to be the genus *Heliangelus*, which it resembles in form of bill, this being straight as in the last-named genus, but more slender.

Since finishing my Monograph a second species of *Urosticte* has been described by my friend Mr. G. N. Lawrence, who has bestowed on it the appropriate name of *U. ruficrissa*. It is nearly allied to *U. benjamini*, and, like that species, has the central tail-feathers bronzy and tipped with white; it wants, however, the beautiful violet spot on the throat, which is so conspicuous in the above-named bird, having this part entirely green; and it is further distinguished by its rufous under tail-coverts.

The home of the present bird, like that of its congener, is Ecuador.

Mr. Elliot, in his excellent 'Synopsis,' has given a very good diagnosis for the species, which I here reproduce:—

"*Male*. General plumage dark shining green. Throat luminous grass-green. Wings purplish brown. Under tail-coverts rufous. Tail pale bronze-green, with the four median feathers tipped with white. Bill black, feet brown. Total length 4 inches, wing 2, tail $2\frac{1}{8}$, culmen $\frac{7}{8}$."

"*Female*. Exactly like the female of *U. benjamini*, but slightly larger and with a longer bill."

The Plate represents two males and a female, drawn from the typical specimens lent to me by Mr. Lawrence.