DORIFERA VERAGUENSIS, *Salvin.*

Veraguan Lance-bill.

Dorifera veraguensis, Salvin, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1867, p. 154.
Doryfera veraguensis, Mulsant, Hist. Nat. Oiseaux-Mouches, i. p. 199 (1874).
Hemistephania veraguensis, Elliot, Synopsis of the Humming-Birds, p. 82 (1878).

The very dark shade of the green under-surface, coupled with the metallic green forehead, which is darker than in *D. ludoviciæ*, serves to render this species recognizable from the last-named bird. It was described by Mr. Osbert Salvin from Veraguan skins collected by Enrique Arcé; and I have a skin in my collection said to be from Costa Rica; but there may be some doubt as to the correctness of this locality.

Mr. Salvin published the followwing remarks when first calling attention to the distinctness of the Veraguan bird:—"There seems to be considerable individual variation between members of this species; or I should be inclined to separate, as a distinct race, the bird found in Veragua, a single specimen only of which has as yet reached me. The shining forehead is considerably darker and of a bluer shade, the bill longer, and the under plumage blacker than in a New Granadian specimen of *D. ludoviciæ* before me; the wings, too, are shorter. Should the receipt of additional specimens confirm the constancy of these distinctions, I propose for this race the name of *Dorifera veraguensis*."

The Plate represents two males and a female bird, drawn from specimens lent to me by Messrs. Salvin and Godman.