

HAPALODERMA CONSTANTIA, Sharpe & Ussher.

West-African Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Similis* H. narinæ, sed rectrice extimâ purè albâ et tectricibus alarum canis tenuissimè nigro vermiculatis distinguendus.

Male.—General colour of the upper surface shining green, as well as the entire throat and fore neck, the green of these parts always having a kind of olive-golden lustre, changing to bright grass-green on the rump and upper tail-coverts; the four centre tail-feathers deep blue, with a narrow border of green; the two next bluish, shading off into brown; the terminal half pure white, increasing in extent on the penultimate feathers, the outermost being pure white excepting at the extreme base; all the wing-coverts (excepting the least ones, which are green like the back) and secondaries greyish white, extremely finely pencilled with black lines; primary coverts greyish black; primaries blackish, the outermost edged with white; under surface of body rich crimson; under wing-coverts greyish black, like the inner lining of the wing; bill light green; iris dark.

Total length $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches; wing $5\frac{1}{4}$; tail $6\frac{1}{4}$.

Hapaloderma narina. Cass. Pr. Philad. Acad. 1857, p. 38.

Trogon narina. Hartl. Orn. W.-Afr. p. 263.

Hapaloderma constantia. Sharpe & Ussher, Ibis, 1872, p. 181.

THIS beautiful species has long been known to ornithologists, but has been confounded with the Narina Trogon of South Africa, from which it is certainly specifically distinct. It is known at present only from the forest-regions of the Gold Coast and Gaboon, having been procured in the latter country by Du Chaillu. Riis sent specimens from Aguapim; and the typical examples were killed in the Denkera district of the Gold Coast by Mr. St. Thomas D. Aubinn, a native hunter in the employ of Governor Ussher, after whose daughter Constance the species is named.

The principal figure in the Plate is of the size of life, and has been drawn from one of the typical specimens kindly given to me by Mr. Bowdler Sharpe.