CYANOMYIA CYANOCEPHALA.

Black-billed Azure-crown.

Ornismya cyanocephala, Less. Supp. des Ois. Mou., p. 134. pl. 18.

So great is the confusion which exists respecting the synonymy and species of this form, that I might be held excused were I to give new specific appellations to at least two of them, namely the one here represented, and the one I have figured as *Cyanomyia quadricolor*; the case is very different with the *C. Franciæ* of M. Bourcier and the *C. cyanicollis* of myself, as the types of both of these are in existence and well known. Lesson states that the *quadricolor* and the *cyanocephala* both inhabit Brazil; but the truth is, that the form does not exist in that country. The present bird, for which I retain the name of *cyanocephala*, rather than add another to the already too numerous synonyms of the group, like the *quadricolor*, is a native of Mexico and Guatemala: it is found rather abundantly in the neighbourhood of Orizaba, whence numerous examples have been sent to England by M. Botta, none of which offer the slightest difference from those collected in the more southern regions of Guatemala by M. Riviera Paz, and sent to me direct by Mr. Skinner.

The *Cyanomyia cyanocephala* is not so finely coloured as the Bogota species, *C. Franciæ*, the only one with which it could be confounded.

The only external difference observable in the sexes consists in the blue crown being nearly obsolete in the female.

Crown of the head and occiput shining greenish blue; all the upper surface, wing-coverts, and flanks bronzy green; wings purplish brown; tail greenish bronze; throat and centre of the abdomen white; under tail-coverts greyish olive, fringed with white; sides of the neck green, but less brilliant than in *C. Franciæ*; bill black.

The figures are of the natural size. The plant is the *Habrothamnus fasciculatus*.