

HELLMASTER ANGEL.

Angela Star-Quest.

Quincy Apple, Jan. 11, 1884, p. 45.
Hillmaster Apple, Hagg. Comp. Gen. Ar. p. 70, Webster, p. 1.

The very beautiful Hellmaster Bird ranges over the country of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and I believe the
lands of the former country; it is from these countries that I have received specimens, and never
from Ohio, as stated by Mr. James; in relation to these localities, Mr. James informs me that it also
inhabits Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. It is by no means common in our collection, a circumstance doubtless
owing to its habits not having been taken by collectors from Illinois or from this country, where
it is, from its extreme beauty and elegance, it would not have failed to attract their notice.
In the absence of all information regarding the habits and economy of the species, Mr. James, after
studying the geographical and climatic form of the bird, remarks, that certainly it must occur in the
bottoms of well-shaded forests; and that it is from within the borders of the Illinois, and of the
lands with timber growth, which extends and stretches westward in the form of the New World, that
the Hellmaster Bird procures the seeds and insects upon which it feeds.

Colors of the head brilliant metallic green, changing to some light to ashy green, in order to blend
green, and to show to golden green; all the upper surface and the wings are golden green, the golden
not predominating on the lower part of the body; wings purplish brown; all purplish black, gleaming with
dark green; immediately behind the eye a spot of white, and on the throat a streak of grey; a series of the
darker rich metallic purplish brown, on each side of which is a series of elongated patches of a red-brown
metallic blue; under surface deep green, passing into white, and then on the middle of the body; all on each
side and over white; under tail-feathers green, tinged with white, all black; feet reddish brown.

The female has the whole of the upper surface golden brown, inclining to grey on the crown; all green
deepening into black towards the extremity, and a spot of white at the tip of the lower outer feathers of
each side; wings purplish brown; all the under surface grey, fading into white on the throat and
of the abdomen.
The male represents the female and a female of the same size.