

CHRY SOLAMPIS MOSCHITUS.

Ruby and Topaz.

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- L'Oiseau mouche à gorge topaze du Brésil*, Buff. Pl. Enl. 227. fig. 2, et 640. fig. 1.
- L'Oiseau-mouche à gosier doré*, Audeb. et Vieill. Ois. dor., tom. i. p. 89. pl. 46.
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- Mellisuga moschita*, Steph. Cont. of Shaw's Gen. Zool., vol. xiv. p. 253.—Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. i. p. 113, *Mellisuga*, sp. 96.
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- *carbunculus*, Ib., p. 498.—Lath. Ind. Orn., vol. i. p. 317.
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- Carbuncle Humming Bird*, Lath. Gen. Syn., vol. ii. p. 782.—Shaw, Gen. Zool., vol. viii. p. 333. —Lath. Gen. Hist., vol. iv. p. 337.
- Grey-bellied Humming Bird*, Lath. Gen. Hist., vol. iv. p. 334 ?—Shaw, Gen. Zool., vol. viii. p. 332 ?
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- Chrysolampis carbunculus*, Reichenb. Aufz. der Colibris, p. 9.—Ib. Troch. enumer., p. 5. pl. DCCXXIII. fig. 4650.
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IF any one species of this extensive family of birds be better known than another, it is undoubtedly the Ruby and Topaz Humming Bird here represented, for it is not only one of those earliest discovered, but its beauty is of such a character as at once to fix the attention of every observer. It is also one of the commonest of the entire group, and plays no inconsiderable part in commerce, the capturing and skinning of the specimens which are sent home by thousands affording considerable employment to the Brazilian slaves