

“Adult female:—Upper parts less lustrous than in the male, the feathers margined more or less with rufous grey; wings as in the male; tail with the middle feathers brilliant green, the rest cinnamon, with a purplish-black band running from the outer feather obliquely downward and inward to the tips of the fourth on each side, forming a broadly-shaped mark; between the black band and the cinnamon there is a spot of bright green, most conspicuous in the feather next the central ones, and growing gradually indistinct towards the outer ones; throat pale rufous white, the centre of the feathers darkest, and on the sides and posteriorly a little green; abdomen entirely rufous; legs and crissum pale rufous. The dimensions do not differ from those of the male.

“Young male in winter:—Upper parts intermediate in brightness between the male and female; throat white, with a few feathers beginning to show the violet; tail as in the male.

“All the males procured by me, four in number, had but eight tail-feathers; while all the females, three in number, had ten. It can hardly be supposed that in four specimens, the same two feathers, and but two, should have been lost from every specimen. In form the tail-feathers are rather narrow, and the inner webs of the two outer slightly falciform or emarginated. The two outer feathers are slightly shorter than the next, which are the longest; the next two again are rather shorter, and the central ones considerably shorter. The feathers composing the tail of the female are broader than those of the male; the third from the outside is the longest; the first, second, and central one as in the male; and the fourth slightly shorter than the third.”

Dr. Bryant has deceived himself as to the number of the tail-feathers in the male: all Humming-Birds have ten; but in some instances the middle feathers are so short as to be entirely hidden by the coverts, and this is precisely the case in the male of *Calothorax Evelynæ*.

The Plate represents both sexes of the natural size. The plant is the *Begonia heracleifolia*, var. *nigricans*.