

## THALURANIA TSCHUDII, *Gould.*

### Tschudi's Wood-Nymph.

*Trochilus furcatus*, Tschudi, Fauna Peruana, p. 39.

*Thalurania Tschudii*, Gould MS., Sclat. in Proc. of Zool. Soc., part xxvi. p. 460.—Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., part xxviii. p. 312.

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THE present bird would appear, at a first glance, to be identical either with the *Thalurania furcata* or *T. refulgens*; but when compared with those species, it is found to present many differences. It is a larger and more robust bird, and has broader tail-feathers than the former; but it is smaller than the latter, and differs from both in the colouring of the abdomen, which is prussian-blue, while the same part in *T. furcatus* is ultramarine-blue, and in *T. refulgens* violet-blue; from the *T. nigrofasciata*, to which it is also allied, it differs in the truncate form of its green throat-mark.

I am indebted to the Directors of the Museum of Natural History at Neuchatel for permission to examine all the species of Humming-Birds collected by Dr. Tschudi during his travels in Peru; among these was one of the present bird, which was labelled *Trochilus furcatus*, a circumstance which informs us that this is the species described by that gentleman in his 'Fauna Peruana' under that name; as, however, it is quite distinct from the bird to which the term *furcatus* had been previously applied, I have been obliged to give it a new appellation, and have selected that of *Tschudii*, as a just compliment to one who has effected so much in the cause of science.

Mr. Hauxwell sent me fine examples from the Ucayali; it is evident, therefore, that the banks of that river is one of its habitats; in all probability the forests of the inner dip of the Bolivian and Peruvian Andes are also inhabited by it. At present I have never seen a female; but this sex will doubtless be coloured like the females of the other members of the genus, particularly the female of *T. furcata*.

Crown of the head and all the upper surface golden green, inclining to bronzy green on the tail-coverts; throat beautiful green; abdomen prussian-blue; under tail-coverts steel-black, many of the feathers slightly fringed with white; thighs, tarsi, and anal region white; tail steel-black.

The figures are of the natural size. The plant is a *Passiflora*, the specific name of which is unknown to me.