

## PHAËTHORNIS ANTHOPHILUS.

Pallid Hermit.

*Trochilus Anthophilus*, Bourc. Rev. Zool. 1843, p. 71.—Ib. Ann. des Sci. Phys. &c. de Lyon, tom. vi. p. 47.

*Phætornis anthophilus*, Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. i. p. 104, *Phætornis*, sp. 15.—Bonap. Consp. Troch. in Rev. et Mag. de Zool. 1854, p. 249.

*Phaëtornis anthophilus*, Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av., p. 68, *Phaëtornis*, sp. 16.

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THIS somewhat rare species of *Phaëthornis*, described for the first time by M. Bourcier under the above name, is a native of Columbia, a fact which has been ascertained by my having received several specimens direct from Bogota: I mention this particularly, because, at the time M. Bourcier characterized the species, he appears not to have been aware of its true habitat.

In size this species is intermediate between *Phaëthornis Eurynome* and *P. Bourcieri*. The form of its outspread tail is somewhat peculiar; the feathers not being regularly graduated like those of *P. Pretrei* and *P. Augusti*, but forming a complete semicircle with the two lengthened middle feathers projecting from the centre.

The sexes are alike in colour.

Crown of the head dark greyish brown; upper surface green slightly tinged with bronze; wings purplish brown; tail pale green clouded with black near the extremity, and fringed with an arrow-head-shaped mark of greyish white at the tip, the prolonged extremity of the two centre feathers being entirely greyish white; above and behind the eye a streak of light buff; ear-coverts brownish black; throat and under surface pale greyish white, tinged with buff on the flanks; lower part of the abdomen and under tail-coverts, centre of the chin and throat obscurely streaked with brownish black; upper mandible black; under mandible yellow except at the tip, which is black.

The figures are of the natural size.