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Habitat. Ecuador.

Genus HELIANGELUS, Gould.

(Ἑλιος, sol, et ἄγγελος, angelus.)

Generic characters.

Male.—Bill straight, about the same length as the head, and cylindrical; wings somewhat powerful; tail rather round in form and of medium size; feet moderately strong; hind toe and nail the same length as the middle toe and nail; gorget luminous, bounded below by a crescent of white.

Female.—Destitute of luminous colouring.

This is perhaps a better-defined genus than any other of those into which the Andean groups of Humming Birds have been divided. Its characteristics are a moderately long bill surmounted by a band of lustrous colour on the forehead, and a deep luminous gorget separated from the general colour of the body by a semicircular band of white. Like the *Helianthea* and *Heliotryphæ*, the species of this form range along the Andes on both sides of the equator.

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271. HELIANGELUS MAVORS, Gould

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Habitat. The Paramos of Portachuela and Zumbador in New Granada.

That almost *terra incognita*, so far at least as its zoological productions are concerned, the Andes of La Paz, has given us, through the researches of M. Warszewicz, one of the most distinct as well as one of the most beautiful forms yet discovered among the Trochilidæ. This remarkable bird is the type of my genus *Diphlogæna*, to which I have since added a second species under the name of *D. Aurora*, with a mark of reservation in case it may prove to be the female of *D. Iris*; for the present, however, I regard it as distinct.

Genus DIPHLOGÆNA, Gould.

(δι-, duplex, et φλόγανος, flammeus.)

Generic characters.

Male.—Bill straight and longer than the head; wings very long and pointed; tail lengthened and deeply forked;