

TROGON MELANURUS, Swainson.

Black-tailed Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Trog. vertice, pectore summo et corpore suprâ intensè aureo-viridibus; loris, regione auriculari, gulâque nigris, hâc aureo-viridi nitente; pectore albo transversim fasciato; corpore subtus pulcherrimè coccineo; alis nigris, medialiter lineis delicatis albis striatis primariisque extus albo marginatis; caudâ nigrâ, reatricibus sex intermediis purpureo et viridi tinctis; duabus externis extus lineis obscuris albis striatis; rostro flavo; pedibus stramineis.

Fœm. Capite, corpore suprâ, gutture pectoreque intensè cinereis; alis nigris, obscurè striis albis medialiter notatis; caudâ nigrâ, reatricibus duabus externis extus crissoque coccineis.

Male.—Crown of the head, chest, and all the upper surface dark golden green; space between the bill and the eye, ear-coverts, and throat black, gradually passing into the golden green; breast crossed by a band of white, beyond which all the under surface is rich fiery scarlet; wing black, the centre striated with fine wavy lines of white, and the primaries margined externally with the same colour; tail black, the six centre feathers tinged with purple and green, and the outer web of the lateral feather on each side faintly striated with white, as in the centre of the wing; bill yellow; feet straw-yellow.

Female.—Head, all the upper surface, throat, and breast dark grey; wings and tail black, with a faint indication of the white striæ on the centre of the wing and the outer webs of the lateral tail-feathers; vent and under tail-coverts scarlet.

Total length 12 inches; bill $1\frac{1}{8}$; wing $6\frac{1}{4}$; tail $6\frac{1}{4}$; tarsi $\frac{1}{2}$.

Couroucou à ventre rouge de Cayenne. Buff. Pl. Enl. 452.

Trogon curucui, var. Gm. S. N. i. p. 403.

Le Couroucou d'Amérique mâle à ventre rose. Levaill. Hist. Nat. Courouc. pl. i.

Le Couroucou à ventre rose dans son premier âge. Levaill. t. c. pl. 2.

Trogon curucui (nec Linn.). Bonn. et Vieill. Enc. Méth. iii. p. 1362.—Gray, Gen. B. i. p. 69.—Burm. Syst. Uebers. ii. p. 275.—Gray, Hand-l. B. i. p. 81.

Trogon strigilatus. Spix, Av. Bras. i. p. 49.

—— *melanurus.* Swains. An. in Menag. p. 329.—Gould, Monogr. Trogon. text to pl. 18.

——Gray, List Fissir. Brit. Mus. p. 41.—Cab. in Schomb. Reis. Brit. Guian. iii.

p. 718.—Sel. P. Z. S. 1857, p. 261, et 1860, p. 284.—Id. Cat. Am. B. p. 277.—Sel.

& Salv. P. Z. S. 1866, p. 193.—Id. op. cit. 1867, pp. 583, 978.—Id. op. cit. 1869,

p. 598.—Pelz. Orn. Bras. pp. 19, 402.—Sel. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1873, p. 292.—Id.

Nomencl. Av. Neotr. p. 104.

Trogon nigricaudatus. Gould, Monogr. Trogon. pl. 18.

Curucujus melanurus. Bp. Consp. Vol. Zyg. p. 14.

Troctes melanurus. Cab. & Heine, Mus. Hein. Th. iv. p. 202.

—— *mesurus.* Cab. & Heine, Mus. Hein. iv. p. 203?

In the first edition of this Monograph I stated my opinion that Swainson's name of *melanurus* was the best one that could be employed for the present species, as being undoubtedly applicable, and at the same time the oldest recognizable title for it. Although Mr. George Robert Gray believed it to be the true *Trogon curucui* of Linnæus, his opinion has not been concurred in by the majority of ornithologists, neither can I adopt it.