

PTEROGLOSSUS PAVONINUS.

Peacock Groove-bill Araçari.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Pter. rostro nigro, ad basin lineâ aurantiaco-flavâ circumdato, lateribus (nisi basin versus) flavis supernè in cæruleo-viridem transeuntibus infrâ lineâ nigrâ a tomio sejunctis: prasinus, subtùs pallidior tectricibus caudæ inferioribus rectricumque apicibus brunneis; remigibus nigrescenti-brunneis; orbitæ rubræ: pedes plumbei.

Bill black, with the exception of two thirds of the upper mandible (measuring from the point), which has the central portion of the sides fine yellow, on the upper fading into rich blue green, on the lower, which is separated from the dentition line by a narrow stripe of black, the base of both mandibles surrounded by a line of orange yellow; the whole of the upper and under surface, with the exception of the under tail-coverts and the tip of the tail-feathers which are brown, is of a rich grass green, paler on the throat and under surface; quills blackish brown; bare skin round the eye red; feet lead colour.

Total length, 13 to 14 inches; *bill*, nearly $3\frac{1}{2}$; *wing*, $5\frac{1}{4}$; *tail*, $5\frac{1}{2}$; *tarsi*, $1\frac{3}{8}$.

Pteroglossus pavoninus, Label in Royal Museum, Munich. Gould, Proceedings of Zool. Soc., Part III.

THIS species is even more diminutive in each of its relative parts than *Pter. Prasinus*, which, as well as the present bird, is a native of Mexico. Independently of its less size, it may be distinguished from its near ally by the peculiar form and marking of the bill, the basal portion of which is entirely surrounded by black; and a beautiful green and yellow colour is spread over the sides of the upper mandible. No other specimen than the one contained in the collection at Munich has come under my notice; a label bearing the name of *Pter. pavoninus* was attached to this example; and it would appear to have been a recent acquisition, from the circumstance of its not being noticed in the valuable Monograph of Dr. Wagler, who met an untimely death about two years since while on a shooting excursion near Munich; in passing through a hedge with a loaded gun, the muzzle of which was directed towards his body, it unfortunately exploded, and we regret to add caused a speedy termination to the worldly cares of a man whose numerous works and great abilities had rendered him one of the most scientific naturalists of the age.