

PTEROGLOSSUS BAILLONI, Wagler.

Saffron-coloured Araçari.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Pter. rostro mediocri, arcuato; lutescenti, basin versus sub-olivaceo: fronte, genis, gulâ, corporeque subtùs præter femora croceis; corpore suprâ, alis, caudâ, femoribusque olivaceo-viridibus aureo parùm tinctis; uropygio coccineo; pedibus tarsisque plumbeis.

Beak moderate, arched, of a greenish yellow, approaching to olive at the base; the front of the head, the cheeks, the throat, and the whole of the under surface, with the exception of the thighs, rich saffron yellow; the upper parts of the body, wings, tail and thighs, olive green slightly shaded with golden yellow; rump scarlet; feet and legs lead colour.

Total length, including the bill, from 14 to 16 inches; bill, $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Pteroglossus Bailloni. Wagler, Systema Avium.

L' Araçari Baillon. Le Vaill., Ois. de Parad., tom. 2. p. 44. t. 18.

Ramphastos Bailloni. Vieill., Nouv. Dict. d' Hist. Nat., p. 283.

Pteroglossus croceus. Jard. & Selby, Ill. of Ornith., vol. 1. pl. 6.

THIS richly coloured species was so little known in our collections a few years since, that Sir W. Jardine and Mr. Selby were induced to figure it in their "Illustrations of Ornithology" as a bird new to science, under the name of *Pteroglossus croceus*. The circumstance, however, of its having been previously described and figured in other works, prevents my adopting the very appropriate name given to it by those gentlemen.

The numerous acquisitions we have derived from the Brazils during the last few years have made us more familiar with this bird; and although I am unable to give any particulars as to its habits and manners in a state of nature, I can affirm with certainty that, unlike many of the *Pteroglossi*, the sexes do not offer that difference in the colour of the plumage so characteristic of many species of this genus; in fact no outward difference except in size is observable, the female being a trifle less than the male in all her proportions.

In point of beauty and elegance of form, the Saffron-coloured Araçari is somewhat conspicuous, particularly in the sweeping breadth of rich golden yellow which pervades the breast and all the under parts.

Its habitat appears to be somewhat local, all the examples I have seen being from the Brazils.