

PTEROGLOSSUS NATTERERII.

Natterer's Araçari.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Pter. rostro rubro, ad apicem flavescenti-albido, lineâ culminali, maculâ ad latera utriusque mandibulæ, maculâque suprâ singulari serraturam nigris, serraturis albis: capite suprâ, gulâ, guttureque nigris; fasciâ nuchali pallidè flavâ; dorso aliisque saturatè olivaceis; rectricum sex intermediarum apicibus castaneis; lateribus flavis, in castaneum ad femora transeuntibus; caudæ tectricibus inferioribus coccineis.*

Fœm. *Capite suprâ, gulâ, guttureque pallidè castaneis; regione paroticâ pallidè flavescenti-viridi; dorso pallidiore.*

Male. Bill red, with the exception of a line of black on the culmen, a spot on the side of each mandible, and a small irregular mark of the same colour above each of the serratures, which are white; the point yellowish white; top of the head, occiput, throat, and breast black; ear-coverts pale yellow; a lunar-shaped band of the same colour separates the black of the occiput from the back, which, with the wings, is of a dark olive; tips of the six middle tail-feathers chestnut; flanks yellow, passing into chestnut on the thighs; under tail-coverts scarlet.

Female. All those parts light chestnut which in the male are black; the green on the back less deep, and the ear-coverts pale yellowish green; in other respects the colouring is the same.

Total length, $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill, $2\frac{3}{4}$; wings, $5\frac{1}{2}$; tail, 5; tarsi, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Pteroglossus Nattererii, Gould, Proceedings of Zool. Soc., Part III.

ALTHOUGH I have at all times endeavoured to avoid the imposing of a specific title on a new species which did not convey some idea connected with its form or colouring, I have been induced to deviate from this rule in the present instance from the earnest desire I feel to pay a just tribute of respect to a most enthusiastic and able naturalist, through whose personal exertions in the Brazilian forests for the period of eighteen years so vast a collection has been transmitted to the capital of that country by the munificence of whose Government he was enabled to prosecute his researches; and I would here beg to offer my acknowledgements to M. Schreibers, the highly talented director of the Imperial Museum of Vienna, for the liberal manner in which he permitted me to examine the birds of this group contained in the collection under his care, and to add to my monograph a representation of this rare species.

I am not aware of the precise locality in which this fine bird was obtained, but from the circumstance of its having accompanied other specimens from that part of Brazil which borders the river Amazon, it may reasonably be believed to be a native of the woods of those districts.

In point of affinity it is closely allied to the *Pteroglossus maculatus*, and with that bird and several others it will form a separate and well-defined group, possessing many peculiar characters.