

PTEROGLOSSUS HUMBOLDTII, Wagler.

Humboldt's Araçari.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Pter. rostro majore; mandibulâ superiore sordidè flavescenti-aurantiacâ, culmine, lineâ basali cingente, maculâque ad singulam serraturam nigris; mandibulâ inferiore nigrâ, ad basin pallidè flavescenti-aurantiaco cinctâ: capite, collo, gulâ, guttureque nigris; dorso sordidè olivaceo; remigibus nigrescenti-brunneis; gastræo pallidè stramineo viridiscente tincto; uropygii maculâ coccineâ; orbitæ tarsique plumbei.

Bill large in proportion to the body; a band of black occupies the culmen from the base to the tip; the remainder of the upper mandible of a dull yellowish orange, with the exception of an indefinite mark of black which springs from each serrature, and a fine line of the same colour surrounding it near the base; lower mandible black, with the exception of the base, which is surrounded with pale yellowish orange; the head, back of the neck, throat, and chest black; all the upper surface, except a spot of scarlet on the rump, of a dull olive; primaries blackish brown; under surface pale straw yellow with a slight tinge of green; thighs chestnut; naked space round the eyes and tarsi lead colour.

Total length, about 16 to 17 inches; *bill*, 4; *wing*, $5\frac{1}{2}$; *tail*, $6\frac{3}{4}$; *tarsi*, $1\frac{3}{4}$.

Pteroglossus Humboldtii, Wagler, Syst. Avium.

————— Gould, Proceedings of Zool. Soc., Part III.

A FINE and, as far as I am aware, an unique example of this species of *Pteroglossus* forms part of the Cabinet of Natural History of Munich, so renowned from the circumstance of its containing the collections formed in the Brazils by those scientific travellers Drs. Spix and Martius. This fine collection, which is particularly rich in birds pertaining to the present family, was in the most liberal manner thrown open for my investigation, when I hailed with pleasure the appearance of the fine species here figured, exhibiting as it does those peculiar markings of the bill which had heretofore been confined to one known species only, the *Pteroglossus inscriptus*. Its superiority in size and its black under mandible will at all times serve as a distinctive mark between the two species. No information relative to its history and manners appears to have been ascertained, further than that it was a male, and received from the Brazils, in all probability from near the Amazon.