

PTEROGLOSSUS REGALIS, *Lichtenstein.*

Royal Araçari.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Pter. mandibulâ superiore stramineâ, nigro serratâ, culmine nigro; inferiore nigrâ, fasciâ angustâ stramineâ: olivaceo-viridis; capite colloque aterrimis; cervice fasciâ lunatâ castaneâ posticè cinctâ; gutture posticè coccineo obscure marginato; corpore infrâ flavo, sanguineo maculatâ; pectoris maculâ aterrimâ, fasciâque atrâ posticâ coccineo marginatâ; tectricibus caudæ inferioribus obscure flavis; uropygii fasciâ coccineâ; remigibus brunneis.

Upper mandible straw yellow, the culmen and serratures black, under mandible black with a basal edge of straw yellow; head, neck, and throat deep black; a semilunar mark of chestnut bounds the back of the neck; the whole of the upper surface and tail olive green; the quill-feathers brown; band across the rump scarlet; the black margin of the upper part of the chest is obscurely edged with scarlet, below which on the centre of the breast is a deep black mark, and below this again a black band edged with scarlet; thighs rufous; ground colour of the under surface of a fine gamboge yellow with numerous stains as if of blood; under tail-coverts dull yellow.

Total length, from 15 to 17 inches; *beak*, 4 to 4½.

THE only example of this bird which I have had an opportunity of examining, was in the Royal Museum at Berlin. It is characterized, by M. Lichtenstein as differing in many essential particulars from *P. Araçari*, which is, however, the only species it could ever be confounded with; but from this it may at once be distinguished by the black bands on the chest, the lunar-shaped mark on the back of the neck, and rufous thighs, none of which characters are possessed by the latter. In general size and stature, the two birds agree as closely as possible. Although the present is the first figure of the *P. regalis* which has been published, it has in all probability been for some time known on the Continent, but confounded with *P. Araçari*, of which it may be observed that Dr. Latham, in his "General History of Birds," makes it the variety A. The habitat, however, of these two birds appears to be very different; the *P. regalis* being an inhabitant of Mexico, while the *P. Araçari* is confined to the Brazils. Both birds are equally typical of the genus, and in all probability similar in general habits and manners.

Called *Pretto réal* by the Spanish people in Mexico.