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render its separation from them difficult. The Golden-green Araçari is assuredly a *Pteroglossus*; the Grooved-billed Araçari differs from it only in the still greater simplicity of its colouring, and in the greater development of those peculiar characters of the bill which show themselves to a certain extent in *Pter. prasinus*.

If, in the preceding account of the species of *Ramphastidæ*, I have rarely referred to the form of the bill as aiding in their discrimination, it is not to be attributed to any undervaluing of the important help to be thence derived, but to the difficulty of adequately conveying in words a correct idea of those varying shades of difference which are appreciable only by a practised eye and on direct comparison. My principal object has been to facilitate the ascertaining of the species of this interesting family, and I trust that I may have, to a certain extent, succeeded. In furtherance of the same view, I add the subjoined tabular attempt at a *Synopsis Specierum*.