

The following note was published by the late Marquis of Tweeddale:—"This species has the black central abdominal patch much more largely developed than in *M. muelleri* of Borneo. In no other respect does it appear to differ. The extent of pure white on the quills is dependent on sex. Of fourteen individuals with the sex noted by Mr. Everett, nine are males and five are females. The primaries of the male have a much greater white surface than is found in the primaries of the female. The 6th, 7th, and 8th primaries are scarcely tipped with black; and the first five primaries have double the amount of white that exists on the primaries of the female. On examining Luzon and Negros examples with the sexes noted by Dr. B. Meyer, the same character differentiates the sexes. In Bornean individuals of *M. muelleri* (sex determined by Mr. Everett) the sexes can be discriminated by the amount of white on the remiges. In *M. cucullata* some of my examples exhibit a maximum of white on the quills, and the others a minimum; but as none have had their sexes determined by dissection, I am unable to affirm that in that species the same law holds good. In two Zamboanga skins the green of the breast and flanks is assuming the blue tint so prominent in the large representative form *M. steerii*."

Mr. Everett gives the soft parts as follows:—"Iris chocolate; bill black; legs brownish grey."

Head and neck deep black; back, scapularies and tertiaries dark grass-green; lesser wing-coverts shining verditer blue; greater coverts light grass-green; primaries white, tipped with brownish black; spurious wing and base of the secondaries deep black; rump and upper tail-coverts shining verditer blue; tail deep black, slightly tipped with green; under surface of the shoulder black; breast, abdomen and flanks green; centre of the abdomen and under tail-coverts blood-red.

The front figure is of the natural size, the hinder one somewhat reduced.

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