

TROGON AURANTIUS, Spix.

Orange-breasted Trogon.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Mas. *Vertice pectoreque violaceo-cæruleis nitore viridi, gutture nigrescente; dorso et uropygio intensè viridibus, hinc cærulescente; abdomine medio crissoque splendide aurantiacis; rectricibus caudæ duabus intermediis intensè viridibus, utrisque duabus proximis nigrescenti-fuscis extus viridi lavatis; tribus externis versus apicem albis.*

Fœm. *Capite, corpore suprâ, gutture, pectore lateribusque nigrescenti-cinereis; caudâ nigrescenti-cinereâ, rectricibus intermediis ad apicem nigerrimis, tribus externis albo extus marginatis apicibusque albis.*

Male.—Crown of the head and chest violet-blue, with green reflections in some specimens; throat black; back and rump rich dark green inclining to blue on the latter; wings black, with the centre very finely striated with greyish white, and the primaries margined on the outer edges with white; flanks grey; centre of the abdomen and under tail-coverts rich orange yellow; two centre tail-feathers rich green; the two next on each side blackish brown, tinged with green on their outer webs, and all six tipped with black; the three lateral feathers on each side blackish brown at the base, and pure white for the remainder of their length; bill bluish horn-colour; feet purplish lead-colour.

Total length $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches, *bill* 1, *wing* 5, *tail* 6.

Female.—Head, all the upper surface, throat, chest, flanks, and tail grey, the middle feathers of the latter tipped with jet-black, and the three lateral ones on each side margined on their external webs and tipped with white; centre of the wing striated with white; centre of the abdomen and under tail-coverts orange yellow; bill dark horn-colour, becoming lighter at the point; feet purplish lead-colour.

Trogon aurantius, Spix, Av. Bras., tom. i. p. 47, tab. xxxvi.—Steph. Cont. of Shaw's Gen. Zool., vol. xiv. part 1, p. 219.—Temm. Pl. Col., gen. Courouc., sp. 13.—Gould, Mon. of Trog., pl. 14.—Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. i. p. 69, *Trogon*, sp. 7.—Id. List of Spec. of Birds in Coll. Brit. Mus., part ii. sect. i., *Fissirostres*, p. 42.—Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av., tom. i. p. 149, *Trogon*, sp. 6.—Burm. Syst. Uebers. Th. Bras., tom. ii. p. 279.—v. Pelz. Sitz. Wien. Akad. Wissensch., tom. xx. p. 505.—Id. Orn. Bras., p. 20.—Sclater, Cat. of Coll. of Amer. Birds, p. 276.

——— *chrysogaster*, Swains. Two Cent. and a Quart., p. 330.—Id. Class. of Birds, vol. ii. p. 337.

Aganus aurantius, Cab. et Heine, Mus. Hein., Theil iv. p. 192.

My late friend John Natterer informed me, when in London some thirty years ago, that this beautiful species, the *Trogon aurantius* of Spix, was not uncommon in the woods near Rio de Janeiro; we learn from August von Pelzeln's "Ornithologie Brasiliens, Resultate von Johann Natterer's Reisen in den Jahren 1817 bis 1835,"