

MOTACILLA SUPERBA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum subulatum, rectum : mandibulis subæqualibus.

Nares obovatæ.

Lingua lacero-emarginata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 328.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

MOTACILLA nigra, remigibus fuscis, abdomine albo, fronte genisque cæruleis.

Hæc avicula, inter alias sui generis forsan pulcherrima, Novæ Hollandiæ, præcipue Terræ de Van Dieman dictæ incola est; illinc paucis abhinc annis primum in Angliam illata. Colores paulum variat; circa frontem scilicet plus minus est cærulea, ventrem plus minus albida. Caput est aterrimum; quod tegunt plumæ mollissimæ. Totum etiam corpus vestiunt plumæ præter solitum teneræ et elegantes.

T H E
SUPERB WARBLER.



GENERIC CHARACTER,

Bill subulated (or awl-shaped); straight; the mandibles nearly equal.

Nostrils nearly oval.

Tongue jagged, or lacerated towards the tip.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BLACK WARBLER, with the long feathers of the wings brown; the belly white; the forehead and cheeks blue.

The beautiful species of *Motacilla* here figured, is a native of that part of New Holland called Van Dieman's Land; and is one of the new species of birds, which have been discovered during the voyages to those parts. It varies a little in colour, some specimens having more of the blue on the head than others; the belly also in some specimens is of a more dusky tinge than in others. The head is of the deepest velvet-black, and the feathers on the whole bird have an unusual share of softness and elegance.



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