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### Large Frilled-necked Flycatcher.

*Arses batantæ*, Sharpe, Notes Leyden Mus. i. No. 5, p. 20 (1879).—Id. Cat. B. Brit. Mus. iv. p. 411 (1879).

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THIS species is the largest of the genus *Arses* yet discovered; and it is remarkable that a yellow bill and eye-wattle, instead of blue ones, are sometimes seen in adult males. The female is also very different from that sex of the allied species in its coloration, having the back brownish orange, with the wings of the same colour, the innermost secondaries being exactly like the back, as are also the rump and upper tail-coverts; the tail also is plain orange-chestnut, with a faint shade of brown at the end; the head is dark grey, and the lores white.

The islands inhabited by the present bird are Waigiou and Batanta, whence, Mr. Sharpe informs me, the Leyden Museum has a considerable series collected by the late Dr. Bernstein. I transcribe the following detailed description of the species from Mr. Sharpe's 'Catalogue of the Flycatchers':—

"*Adult male*. Similar to *A. telescopthalmus*, but rather larger, and sometimes having the wattle round the eye and bill yellow. Total length 7 inches, culmen 0·7, wing 3·4, tail 3, tarsus 0·75.

"*Adult female*. General colour above light rufous, the wing-coverts and inner secondaries like the back; primary-coverts and primaries dusky brown, externally edged with light rufous, the secondaries more broadly, the inner ones being almost entirely orange-rufous, with a shade of dusky brown on the inner web; tail-feathers pale rufous, the centre feathers dusky brown, with pale rufous edges and shafts; crown of the head dark grey, as also the feathers round the eye, which are slightly mottled, with white bases; loreal spot dull white; ear-coverts, sides of face, and throat light orange-buff; remainder of the under surface white, the sides of the breast washed with orange; the tibial plumes and under wing-coverts light orange-buff, the edge of the wing deeper orange; axillaries buffy white; quills ashy brown below, rufescent along the inner web. Total length 7 inches, culmen 0·65, wing 3·3, tail 3, tarsus 0·8."

The figures in the Plate are drawn from a pair of birds collected by Mr. Wallace in the island of Waigiou, and now in my own cabinet.





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