

3. *Dorcopsis* (?) *aurantiacus* sp. nov.

Female adult.—Head, neck, back, flanks, tail, and outside of limbs bright ruddy orange, with a golden gloss. Hair long, thin, and very harsh and bristly. Sides of face, throat, breast, and rest of underside yellowish white strongly mixed with ashy grey. Ears almost naked, large, yellow. Sides of tail and anterior half white.

Hab. New Guinea.

DIMENSIONS.

	♀ (stuffed).
Head and body	730 mm.
Tail	500 „
Hindfoot	180 „
Ear	60 „

NOTE.—This is a perfect skin stuffed, but it had no skull when received as a skin.

CASUARIUS LORIAE sp. nov.

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IN the *Catalogue of Birds*, Vol. XXVII., Count Salvadori describes as the adult bird of *Casuarus picticollis* a bird collected in the Moroka district by Dr. Loria, and of which I have seen the sketch taken from the freshly killed bird. This sketch shows all the front and sides of the neck red, while in the type of *picticollis* the neck is blue, with a tiny red spot in the centre of the foreneck. I have now received fine skins of the red-necked species, old and young, from the hills of the Upper Brown River in S.E. New Guinea; and I also have had in the flesh a specimen of true *picticollis*, of which also there is a living specimen in Berlin. Now I have had alive during the last eight years over forty Cassowaries of eleven different forms, and all ages from chicks to adults, and although the shades of yellow, orange, red, and blue of the naked parts change much in intensity (*i.e.* varying from light to dark), I have never found the colours to become transposed, red or yellow never replacing blue. From this I feel sure that the red-necked form is distinct from the true *picticollis*, and have much pleasure in naming it after its discoverer. I am further supported in this view by the fact that, as far as the incomplete records concerning the three only known specimens can be trusted, *Casuarus picticollis* inhabits the low swampy coasts of S. and N.E. New Guinea, while my new *Casuarus loriae* inhabits the hilly country inland of British New Guinea only. The second specimen mentioned in the *Catalogue of Birds* as from S.E. New Guinea is mentioned erroneously, it not being in the collection under this name, but is probably a *C. bennetti*.



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