

MELIPHAGA CHRYSOPS, Vig. & Horsf.

Fig. 1.

Mel. summo capite, nuchâ, corpore suprâ, alis, caudâque saturatè brunneis olivaceo pallidè tinctis; gulâ corporeque subtùs cano-fuscis; lined angustâ nigrâ à rostro ad oculum excurrente; infra eam lineâ latâ flavâ ad auriculam extendente, subtus eam lineâ alterâ nigrâ magnitudine præcedentis; punctâ flavâ super oculum, maculâ alterâ parvâ albâ pone auriculas; rostro nigrescente; pedibus fuscis.

Long. tot. $6\frac{1}{2}$ unc.; rostri, $\frac{5}{8}$; alæ, $3\frac{1}{4}$; caudæ, 3; tarsi, $\frac{3}{4}$.

Crown of the head, back of the neck, all the upper surface, wings, and tail dark brown with a slight tinge of olive; throat and under surface dark greyish brown, the latter colour predominating on the chest; a fine line of black runs from the nostrils through the eye, this black line is bounded below by a stripe of yellow which runs under the eye and over the ear-coverts, and below this runs another parallel line of black, which commences at the base of the lower mandible and extends beyond the line of the ear-coverts; immediately above the eye behind is a small spot of yellow, and behind the ear-coverts a like spot of white; bill blackish brown; feet brown.

SYN. *Sylvia chrysops*, Lath. Ind. Orn., Supp., p. liv. No. 5.

Black-cheeked Honey-eater, Lath. Gen. Syn., Supp., vol. ii. p. 248.—Id. Gen. Hist., vol. iv. p. 196.

Meliphaga chrysops, Vig. and Horsf. in Linn. Trans., vol. xv. p. 315.—Jard. and Selb. Ill. Orn., vol. i. pl. xxxv. fig. 1.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.

MELIPHAGA AURICOMIS, Swains.

Fig. 2.

Mel. summo capite et gulâ olivaceo-flavis; vittâ latâ nigrâ à rostro oriente per oculum ambiente et pone auriculas extendente; lateribus colli plumisque elongatis pone auriculas latè flavis; corpore superiore, alis, caudâque saturatè brunneis olivaceo tinctis, hoc colore in partibus inferioribus dilutiore; rostro pedibusque nigris.

Long. tot. 7 unc.; rostri, $\frac{3}{4}$; alæ, 3; caudæ, $3\frac{1}{4}$; tarsi, $\frac{3}{4}$.

Crown of the head and throat rich olive yellow; a black line commences at the base of the bill, surrounds the eye, and extends over the ear-coverts; behind the ears springs a lengthened tuft of rich orange-coloured feathers; upper surface, wings, and tail dark brown with a tinge of olive; chest and under surface olive brown; bill and feet black.

SYN. *Muscicapa auricomis*, Lath. Ind. Orn., Supp., p. xlix. No. 1.—Shaw, Zool., vol. x. p. 354.

L'Héoro-taire à oreilles jaunes, Vieill. Ois. dor., tom. ii. p. 123. pl. 85.

Tufted-eared Creeper, *Certhia auriculata*, Shaw, Zool., vol. viii. p. 236.

Yellow-tufted Flycatcher, Lath. Gen. Syn., Supp., vol. ii. p. 215.

Tufted-eared Honey-Eater, Lath. Gen. Hist., vol. iv. p. 197. No. 56.

Meliphaga auricomis, Swains. Zool. Ill., 1st Ser., pl. 43.—Vig. and Horsf. in Linn. Trans., vol. xv. p. 315.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.

MELIPHAGA FUSCA, Gould.

Fig. 3.

Mel. corpore suprâ cano-fusco olivaceo tincto; lined parvâ nigrâ circa oculum ambiente; plumis auricularibus nigro-fuscis, post eas linea transversa flava; gulâ, pectore corporeque subtùs fusco cinerascens; rostro ad basin livido ad apicem nigro; pedibus fuscis.

Long. tot. $6\frac{1}{2}$ unc.; rostri, $\frac{5}{8}$; alæ, $3\frac{1}{4}$; caudæ, $2\frac{3}{4}$; tarsi, $\frac{3}{4}$.

The whole of the upper surface greyish brown with a tinge of olive; a very fine ring of black feathers surrounds the eye; ear-coverts blackish brown; behind the ear a small patch of yellow; throat, chest, and under surface light greyish brown; bill flesh colour at the base and black at the tip; feet brown.

Meliphaga fusca, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Remark. Although I have published this bird as a distinct species, further research may prove it to be either the female or a young bird of some other species; probably of *Meliphaga chrysops*.

Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales.



1. *Meliphaga chrysops.*
 2. ----- *aeneocoma*
 3. ----- *melanops.*



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