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APLONIS.

Rostrum capite paulò brevius, robustum, subcompressum; mandibulâ arcuatâ, ad apicem emarginatâ.

Nares basales, ovales, patulæ.

Alæ breves; remigibus 2do et 3tio longissimis, 1mo et 4to æqualibus.

Cauda brevis, lata, quadrata vel sub-bifurca.

Tarsi robusti; digitis magnis; unguibus magnis curvatis, hallucis præcipuè valido.

In both species the feathers of the head are lanceolate; and the general plumage above has a slight glossy hue, especially on the head and back of the neck. The species were characterized as follows:

APLONIS MARGINATA. *Apl. pileo metallicè brunneo; notæo saturatè brunneo, remigibus secundariis margine externo albescentibus; humeris ferè nigris; remigibus caudâque saturatè brunneis; rostro tarsisque nigrescenti-brunneis; gastræo pallidè brunneo, rachibus plumarum ferè albis.*

Long. tot., $7\frac{1}{2}$ poll.; *rostri* à rictu ad apicem, 1; *alæ*, $3\frac{7}{8}$; *caudæ*, $2\frac{1}{4}$; *tarsi*, $1\frac{1}{8}$.

Hab. in Insulis Amicorum.

This species formed part of a collection made by Mr. Mathews, who has lately visited these islands.

APLONIS FUSCA. *Apl. pileo et regione paroticâ obscurè nigro-splendentibus; notæo pallidè brunneo; gastræo pallidiore; remigibus caudâque brunneis; rostro tarsisque nigris.*

Long. tot., $6\frac{3}{4}$ poll.; *rostri* à rictu ad apicem, vix $\frac{7}{8}$; *alæ*, $3\frac{5}{8}$; *caudæ*, $2\frac{1}{4}$; *tarsi*, vix 1.

Hab. ad ripas fluvii Murrumbidgee, in Novâ Hollandiâ Australi.

This species was collected, together with many other rarities, by Captain Sturt, during his expedition in the interior of Australia, and presented by him to the Society.

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ATROXIS.

Rostrum capite paulo brevius, robustum, subconspicuum; mandibula arcuata, ad apicem emarginata.
Vires basales, ovales, patulae.
Alae breviter; remiges 2do et 3to longissimas, 1mo et 4to longissimas.
Cauda breviter, lata, quadrata vel sub-triangularis.
Tarsi robusti; digitis magnis; ungues magnis curvatis, pallidius principalis valido.

In both species the feathers of the head are lanceolate; and the general plumage above has a slight glossy hue, especially on the head and back of the neck. The species were characterized as follows:

ATROXIS MARCINATA. *Alae pallide metallice brunneo; notae sub-aurae brunneo, remiges secundariae marginis caeruleo obscuris; bas; humeris fere nigris; remiges caeruleae saturis brunneo; venter testaceus nigrescenti-brunneo; genae pallide brunneo, rufus plumbeus fere albis.*
Long. tot., 7 1/2 poll.; rostrum rectum ad apicem, 1; alae, 3 1/2; cauda, 2 1/2; tarsus, 1 1/2.

Alae in humis Americarum.
 This species formed part of a collection made by Mr. Mathews, who has lately visited these islands.

ATROXIS RUPEA. *Alae pallide et regione parviter obscuris nigris; splanchnibus; notae pallide brunneo; genae pallidior; remiges caeruleae brunneo; venter testaceus nigrescenti-brunneo; fere albis.*
Long. tot., 6 1/2 poll.; rostrum rectum ad apicem, 1 1/2; alae, 3 1/2; cauda, 2 1/2; tarsus, 1 1/2.
Hab. ad ripas fluvii Murrumbidgee, in Nova Hollandia Australi.



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