

PITTA VIGORSI.

Pitta vigorsi, Gould, Birds of Australia, vol. iv. pl. 2.

I had proposed a name for this species, supposing it to be new, and misled by Bonaparte's 'Conspectus,' which gives "*gula nigra*" as a character of *vigorsi*. Having since, at Mr. Gould's suggestion, compared my bird with the type in the Museum of the Linnean Society, I find it to be the same. My specimen is a fine adult male, and differs from Gould's figure and description in having the bill entirely black, and in the red of the under parts being much mixed with black on the breast.

Total length 7 inches; wing $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches; bill, from gape, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

Hab. Banda Island (Moluccas).

Remark.—The habitat "Australia" is probably a mistake, as the birds of this genus are very local, and no well-authenticated specimen has ever been received from that country.

PITTA CRASSIROSTRIS.

Similar in colour to *P. vigorsi*; but the superciliary stripes are altogether pale rufous, the colour beneath is lighter (agreeing with *P. concinna*), and the chin is black, which colour extends in a triangle on to the throat, without being produced into a stripe, as in *P. concinna*. Bill black, with the base of the lower mandible horny; feet very pale flesh-colour; iris black.

Total length $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches; wing $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches; bill, from gape, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

Hab. Sula Island (Xulla of the English maps), E. of Celebes.

Remark.—This species differs from its nearest allies by its very strong bill, as well as by the peculiarities of colouring above described. It is very like Temminck's figure of *P. irena* from Timor; but that species appears to have much more blue on the back, and the bill entirely black, and not so strong. It is also highly improbable that the same bird should be found in such distant localities, when so many of the neighbouring islands have each their peculiar species.

2. DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW SPECIES OF REPTILES AND FISHES
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(Plates XXV., XXVI., XXVII.)

CHLOROSCARTES.

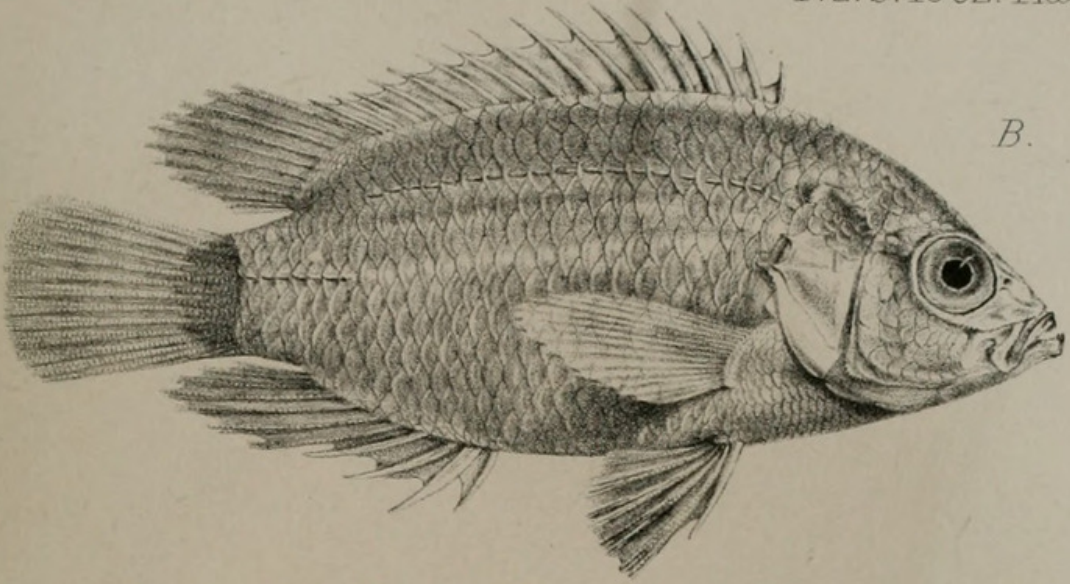
(Fam. AGAMIDÆ.)

Head short, body and base of tail compressed, tail exceedingly long. Head covered with numerous smooth, small shields; all the scales keeled, small, those of the belly and tail being the larger; scales on the throat conical. Femoral pores very prominent, in a longish series; præanal pores none. A low crest of triangular scales on the neck; a series of enlarged, sharp scales along the median line



Chloroscirtes fasciatus.

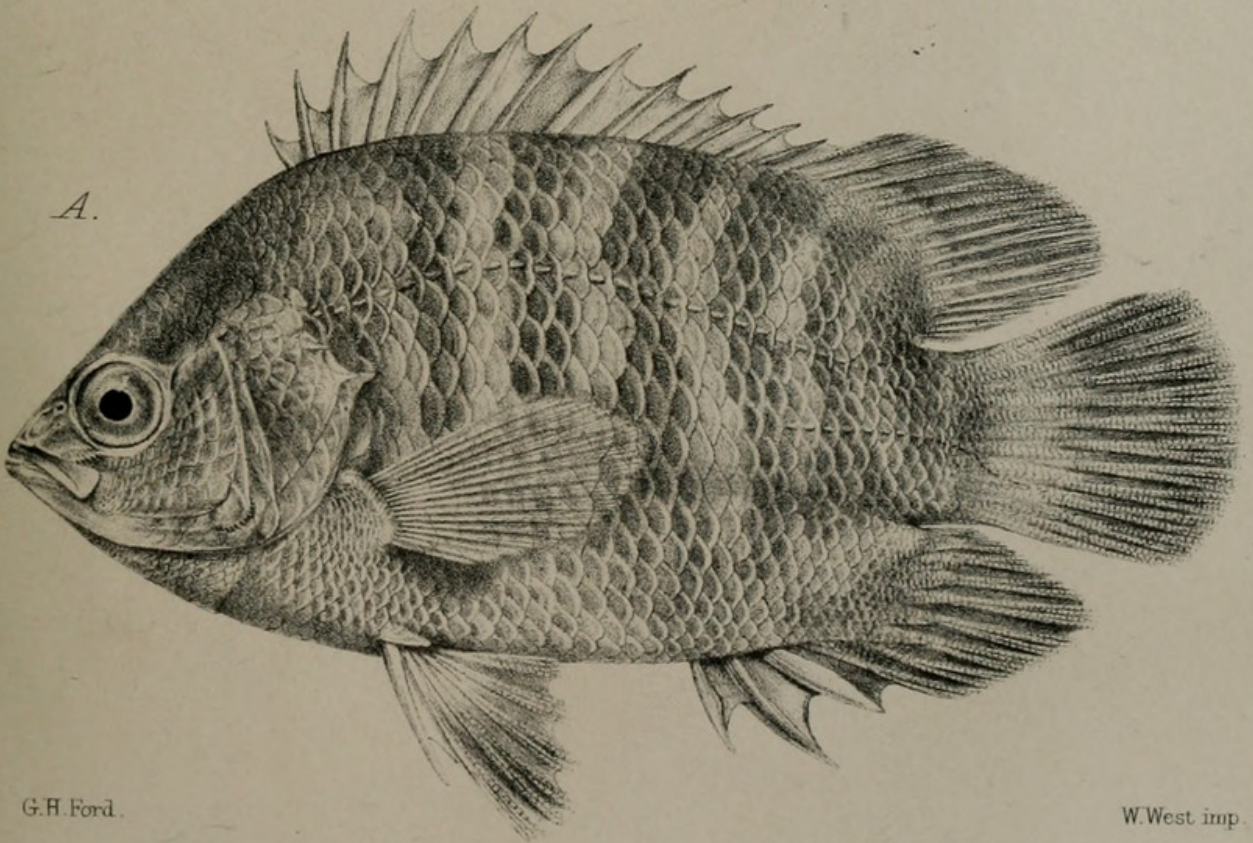




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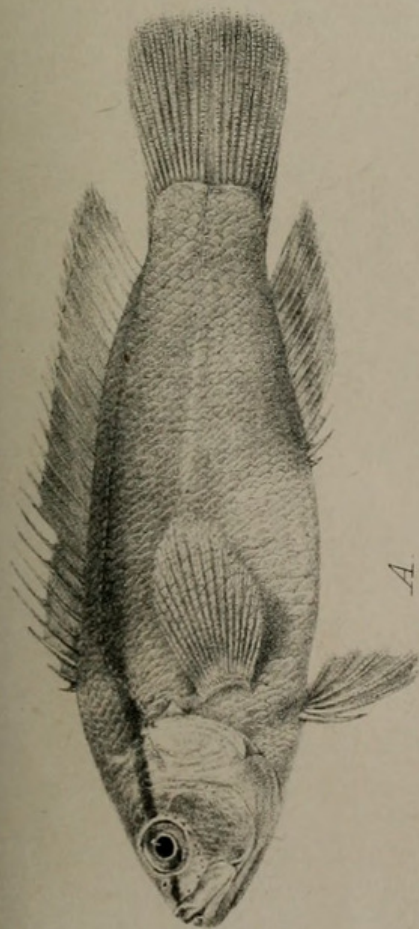


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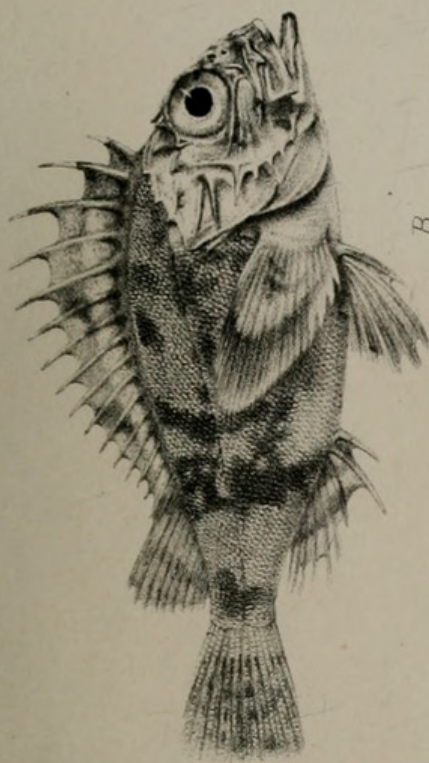
W.West imp.

A. *Catopra siamensis*. B. *Catopra tetracanthus*.





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B.



C.

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A. Amblyopus sagitta.

B. Centropogon marmoratus.

C. Pseudochromis perspicillatus.

W. West imp.





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