

## MELIPHAGA AUSTRALASIANA, Vig. & Horsf.

Male.—Fig. 1.

MAS. *Mel. capite, dorso, uropygio et lateribus cinerascenti-fuliginosis; strigâ superciliari, gutture, abdomineque medio albis; pectore utrinque lineâ semilunari nigrâ ornato; alis fuscis, remigum pogoniis externis flavis; caudâ nigrâ, rectricibus ad basin externè flavis et ad apicem internè albis, intermediis quatuor exceptis; rostro pedibusque nigris.*

FÆM. *A mare differt, plumis minis lætè tinctis fasciâque pectorali obscuriori.*

Long. tot.  $6\frac{1}{4}$  unc.; rostri,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; alæ,  $2\frac{7}{8}$ ; caudæ,  $2\frac{3}{4}$ ; tarsi,  $\frac{7}{8}$ .

MALE. Crown of the head, ear-coverts, back, rump, and flanks sooty grey; stripe over the eye, lower part of the throat, and centre of the abdomen white; on each side of the chest a semilunated mark of black; wings dark brown, the external edges of the primaries and secondaries bright yellow; tail black, the external edges of the feathers at the base bright yellow; all the feathers, except the four middle ones, tipped with white on their inner webs; bill and feet black.

FEMALE. Differs from the male in having a dull plumage and a much more obscure style of marking.

SYN. *Certhia Australasiana*, Shaw, Zool., vol. viii. p. 226.

*L'Héoro-taire noir et blanc?* Vieill. Ois. dor., tom. ii. p. 89. pl. 55.

*Meliphaga Australasiana*, Vig. & Horsf. in Linn. Trans., vol. xv. p. 313.

*Habitat.* Australia: locality, New South Wales.

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## MELIPHAGA SERICEA, Gould.

Male.—Fig. 2.

*Mel. summo capite, gulâ, et regione circa oculos nigris; strigâ frontali albâ supra oculos tendenti; penicillâ pilosâ albâ genas auresque tegenti; dorso brunnescenti-cinereo, longitudinaliter nigro striato; corpore subtus albo singulis plumis in medio longitudinaliter nigris; alis brunnescenti-nigris, pogoniis remigum externis lætè flavidis; rectricibus caudæ brunneis, pogoniis ad marginem flavescentibus; rostro pedibusque nigris.*

Long. tot.  $6\frac{1}{4}$  unc.; rostri,  $\frac{7}{8}$ ; alæ,  $2\frac{3}{4}$ ; caudæ,  $2\frac{5}{8}$ ; tarsi,  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Crown of the head, throat, and space round the eye black; an obscure band of white crosses the forehead and passes over each eye; a beautiful plume of hair-like white feathers spreads over the cheeks and ear-coverts; back dusky brown, striped longitudinally with black; under surface white, each feather having a central longitudinal mark of black; wings dark brown, the outer edge of all the primaries and secondaries bright yellow; tail dark brown, the external edges having a slight tinge of yellow; feet and bill black.

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

*Habitat.* Australia: locality, New South Wales.

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## MELIPHAGA NOVÆ-HOLLANDIÆ, Vig. & Horsf.

Male.—Fig. 3.

*Mel. capite summo genisque nigris, plumis minimis albis in fronte circa basin mandibulæ superioris; strigâ superciliari et mystacibus ad basin mandibulæ inferioris albis; plumis gularibus setosis albis; corpore suprâ nigrescenti-brunneo; alis nigris, pogoniis externis remigum lætè flavidis; caudâ rotundatâ nigrescenti-brunnæâ, flavido lavatâ et ad apicem albo internè notatâ, rectricibus duabus intermediis exceptis; corpore subtus albescenti-griseo, longitudinaliter nigro striato; rostro nigro; pedibus brunneis.*

Long. tot.  $6\frac{3}{4}$  unc.; rostri, 1; alæ, 3; caudæ,  $3\frac{5}{8}$ ; tarsi,  $\frac{7}{8}$ .

Top of the head and cheeks black, with minute white feathers on the forehead round the base of the upper mandible; a superciliary stripe and a moustache at the base of the upper mandible white; feathers on the throat white and bristle-like; upper surface brownish black; wings black, the outer edges of the quills tinged with beautiful yellow; tail rounded and brownish black, tinged with yellow; under surface white, striped longitudinally with black; bill black; feet brown.

SYN. *Certhia Novæ-Hollandiæ*, Lath. Ind. Orn., p. 296. no. 49.

*New Holland Creeper*, White's Journ., pl. in p. 186.—Lath. Gen. Hist., vol. iv. p. 171. no. 17.

*L'Héoro-taire tacheté*, Vieill. Ois. dor., tom. ii. p. 91. pl. 57.

*Meliphaga Novæ-Hollandiæ*, Vig. & Horsf. in Linn. Trans., vol. xv. p. 311.

*Habitat.* Australia: locality, New Holland.



1. *Meliphaga Australasiana.*

2. ----- *sericea.*

3. ----- *Novae Hollandiae.*



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