

2. ON A NEW BIRD FROM THE ISLAND OF MADAGASCAR.

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(Plate XIII.)

My brother, Mr. Edward Newton, Assistant Colonial Secretary at Mauritius, and a Corresponding Member of this Society, having had last autumn the good fortune to make a second visit to Madagascar, has sent me a collection of birds from that island, containing many objects of great interest, among which is one that I believe forms a genus very distinct from any previously known. This I have now the honour to exhibit and describe.

*HYPHERPES**, genus novum *Certhianum* vel *Sittinum*.

Char. Gen.—*Rostrum breve, robustum, leviter emarginatum, ad apicem aliquanto compressum, rictu setoso. Alæ mediocres, rotundatæ, ad caudam mediam attingentes, remige quarto, quinto et sexto æqualibus; tertio septimum, et octavo secundum, superantibus; primo multo brevior. Cauda mediocris, prope æqualis, rectricibus duodecim aliquanto rigentibus. Pedes validissimi, tarsi quam digiti medii posticique longioribus, unguibus compressis, subvalidis.*

HYPHERPES CORALLIROSTRIS, sp. nov. (Pl. XIII.)

Capite, gutture, pectore et abdomine schistaceo-brunneis, olivaceo indutis; collo, dorso, alis caudaque supra fusco-cæruleis, virente tinctis: remigibus fuscis, extus pallide marginatis, intus cervino latius limbatis, ut in Tichodroma: uropygio et crisso subrufescentibus, rectricibus obsolete fasciatis: rostro toto coccineo; pedibus plumbeis: iridibus obscure rubris.

Longitudo tota 4·8 poll. Angl. et dec.; rostri a fronte ·4, a rictu ·65; alæ 2·9; caudæ 2·2; tarsi 0·9; digiti medii cum ungue 0·8, postici 0·97.

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W. H. Flower, Esq., F.Z.S., in the Chair.

Mr. F. Buckland made some remarks on the progress of the experiments for hatching the ova of Trout and Salmon in the Society's Gardens.

Mr. Wallace made some remarks on a Hornbill living in the Society's Gardens, which he believed to be a discoloured specimen of *Buceros (Hydrocissa) pica*, a common Malaccan species.

* ὑπὸ, *sub*; ἔρπηξ ex ἔρπω, *repto*.