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No. 2.

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108. *HALIASTUR SPHENURUS*. Whistling Eagle.
No. 165.
Common. As many as thirty have been seen rising from a flat, surrounded by mangrove, which was covered by water at high tide.
108. *MILVUS KORSCHUN AFFINIS*. Allied Kite.
No. 10—Female.—Scrubby Creek, January 1, 1885.
Length 21 inches. Irides brown; bill horn-colour; cere and feet yellow.
Common at certain seasons. They were coming about in January. Seen flying about the streets of Herberton.
110. *BAZA SUBCRISTATA*. Crested Hawk.
No. 11—Barron River, September 18, 1884.
Seen flying in pairs. Not common.
110. *FALCO LONGIPENNIS LONGIPENNIS*. Little Falcon.
No. 4—Male.—Barron River, August 20, 1884.
Shot from a dead tree, where it had apparently settled for the night.
112. *IERACIDEA BERIGORA BERIGORA*. Striped Brown Hawk.
No. 5. ? Barron River, August, 1884.
No. 6—Male.—Cairns. June 30, 1884.
Irides brown, cere bluish horn-colour.
Common both on the sea-coast and inland.

113. *PANDION HALIAETUS CRISTATUS*. White-headed Osprey.
 No. 3—Female.—The Mulgrave, October 9, 1884.
 Fairly common on the Barron River. The above one was shot on the wing shortly before sunset.
115. *SPILOGLAUX BOWERI*. Brown Owl.
 Nos. 12 and 13—Male.—Peterson's Pocket, December 19, 1884.
 Length 12 inches. Irides grey.
 Common; as many as six have been put up together in the dense scrub, apparently one family.
118. *MEGASTRIX TENEBRICOZA MULTIPUNCTATA*. Northern Sooty Owl.
 No. 166—Female.—Barron River, August 5, 1884.
 The female was shot in a deep dry creek.
119. *TRICHOGLOSSUS NOVÆHOLLANDIÆ SEPTENTRIONALIS*. Northern Blue-bellied Lorikeet.
 Nos. 116-121—Males and Females.—Cairns, June, 1884.
 Length, male, 12.5, female, 11.5 inches.
 Irides red, surrounded by white; bill red; legs brownish.
 Common.
119. *EUTELIPSITTA CHLOROLEPIDOTA NEGLECTA*. Northern Scaly-breasted Lorikeet.
 Nos. 122-126. Cairns, June 30, 1884.
 Length 9.75 inches. Irides whitish brown, surrounded by pink near the pupil. Bills red; legs whitish brown.
 A specimen shot near Sydney has "irides light reddish yellow, with a very narrow ring of dark red next the pupil. Bill scarlet; cere and naked space round the eye greenish white; tarsi and feet light ash-grey. May 4, 1882."
 Common and nesting in holes in the trees.
121. *GLOSSOPSITTA PUSILLA*. Little Lorikeet.
 No. 128—Male.—Scrubby Creek, January 12, 1884.
 Irides brown. Not common.
121. *OPOPSITTA DIOPHTHALMA LEADBEATERI*. Blue-faced Lorikeet.
 Nos. 131, Female; 132, Male; 133, Female.—Barron River, September 30, 1884.
 Length 6 inches. Irides brown; legs greenish tint.
 Appears plentiful, but is often overlooked, as it makes no noise when feeding and creeps about like a mouse. The only indication of its presence is the quantity of seeds that keep dropping all the time it is feeding, but even under the very

tree it is in one can see and hear nothing of it, except by carefully watching. It only makes a noise as it leaves or arrives at a tree.

122. CALYPTORHYNCHUS BANKSII NORTHI. Northern Banksian Cockatoo.

Common, but difficult to obtain. If one is wounded the others will fly about, and four or five may then be shot. They are good eating.

144. EURYSTOMUS ORIENTALIS PACIFICUS. Dollar-Bird.

Nos. 38 and 39. Peterson's Pocket, December 27, 1884. Bill and feet red.

No. 40. Immature. Scrubby Creek, January 14, 1884. Length 10.25 inches. Irides brown. Common.

145. ALCYONE AZUREA MIXTA. Northern Purple Kingfisher.

No. 50. Barron River, August 26, 1884.

Length 7.5 inches. Irides brown; bill black; legs red. Common, but difficult to obtain.

147. DACELO GIGAS MINOR. Northern Brown Kingfisher.

Nos. 41, Female; 42, Male; 43, Female.—Cairns, June 21 and 27, 1884.

Length, male, 18 inches; female, 18.12 inches. Irides brown. Common; nest about forty feet up, in a hole.

147. DACELO LEACHI KEMPI. Northern Blue-winged Kingfisher.

A rare and wild bird. The laugh is entirely different from *Dacelo gigas*, and while flying it utters a kind of barking note.

148. CYANALCYON MACLEAYI BARNARDI. Northern Forest-Kingfisher.

Nos. 47 and 48—Female.—Cairns, June 13 and 30, 1884.

No. 49—Male.—Barron River, August 26, 1884.

Length 8.25 and 7.75 inches. Irides brown. Common.

Nest placed in a hole in a white ants' nest about thirty-five feet from the ground.

149. SAUROPATIS SANCTUS CONFUSUS. Little Sacred Kingfisher.

Nos. 44, Male; 45, Female.—Peterson's Pocket, December 18 and 27, 1884.

Length, male, 8.5 inches; female, 8.75 inches. Irides brown. Common in the Herberton Range.

150. *URALCYON SYLVIA*. White-tailed Kingfisher.
Appears about Cairns only at certain seasons. They arrive about January.
150. *COSMABROPS ORNATUS ORNATUS*. Eastern Bee-eater.
No. 37. Cairns, June 15, 1884. Common.
152. *CAPRIMULGUS MACRURUS YORKI*. Large-tailed Nightjar.
No. 14. Barron River, August 13, 1884.
Common. It has a most peculiar note, which it gives out just before leaving, and for a short time after it has come out of the dense scrubs in which it seems to pass the day. The note resembles a distinct hammering noise; it is continued all through the moonlight nights.
153. *CHÆTURA CAUDACUTA CAUDACUTA*. Spine-tailed Swift.
Nos. 35 and 36. Barron River, August 5, 1884.,
Common, but difficult to obtain. Generally seen hawking about at a great height.
155. *GACOMANTIS RUBRICATUS ATHERTONI*. Northern Fan-tailed Cuckoo.
No. 140. Immature. Scrubby Creek, January 17, 1885.
159. *EUDYNAMYS ORIENTALIS FLINDERSII*. Northern Koel.
No. 141. Gordan's Camp, October 17, 1884.
Irides red; feet bluish. Not common, only a pair seen.
159. *SCYTHROPS NOVÆHOLLANDIÆ NOVÆHOLLANDIÆ*. Channel Bill.
No. 113—Male.—Gordan's Camp, October 7, 1884.
Length 26 inches. Irides red; bare space round the eye and extending to the nostrils deep pink; feet a lighter shade. Common, but difficult to obtain. Generally seen in small parties flying very high. They continually utter their harsh notes during the night.
159. *POLOPHILUS PHASIANINUS PHASIANINUS*. Coucal.
No. 114—Female.—Cairns, June 28, 1884. Length 26.75 inches.
No. 115. McGregor's Camp, October 12, 1884. Length 24 inches.
Irides dark red; bill and feet lead-blue, the latter the lighter. Common and easily shot; a great difference in size is noticeable.
161. *COLOBURIS VERSICOLOR INTERMEDIA*. Intermediate Noisy Pitta.
Nos. 68, Female; 69.—Barron River, August 7 and September 3, 1884.

Length 8.25 and 8.5 inches. Irides brown; bill black; feet and legs flesh-colour. Common.

187. *MYIAGRA RUBECULA YORKI*, Northern Leader Flycatcher.
No. 56—Male.—Cairns, June 27, 1884.
Length 6.5 inches. Common.

189. *MACHÆRIRHYNCHUS FLAVIVENTER SECUNDUS*. Cairns
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher.

No. 57. Barron River, August 22, 1884.

Very tame, and has a peculiar note, a pretty little warbling and very characteristic song, by which one is able to follow it. Generally sits on a hanging vine between two trees, from which it catches flies, always returning to the same spot. Irides brown.

190. *ORPHRYZONE KAUPI*. Pied Flycatcher.
No. 55—Male.—Barron River, August 22, 1884.
Irides brown; eye yellow [?] Plentiful.

191. *PIEZORHYNCHUS ALECTO WARDELLI*. Long-billed Shining Flycatcher.
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