

NOTE VI.

ON A NEW FORM OF THE GENUS PSEPHOTUS

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This apparently new form, which is a subspecies of *Psephotus chrysopterygius* Gould (Proc. Zool. Soc. London, 1857, p. 220), much resembles *Psephotus dissimilis* Collett (Proc. Zool. Soc. London, 1898, p. 356), differs however in the male by its deep black forehead, crown, nape and lores, these parts being dark chestnut in *dissimilis*, which is likely a local form of *chrysopterygius*. Lately the Leyden Museum was presented with a male, which died in the aviaries of Mr. F. E. Blaauw at 's Graveland and some days ago I saw three living males and two females in the possession of the same gentleman; these males agree perfectly with the skin in our possession. As no trace of a dark chestnut at the head can be observed in any of the examples and as the males, when being in imperfect plumage, also did not show this colour on the head, these specimens evidently belong to an undescribed form; which I wish to call in honour of our well-known favourer:

Psephotus chrysopterygius blaauwi.

As above stated the males agree with the description of the male of *Psephotus chrysopterygius dissimilis* Collett, only the forehead, crown, nape and lores are not dark chestnut, but pure black. Our skin measures: wing 124, tail 167 mm.

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The females agree, so far as can be observed in living birds, perfectly with the females of *dissimilis*.

Mr. Blaauw informs me that males in imperfect plumage are similar to the adult females; having moulted they directly become black-headed and the first parts turning black are the lores.

The birds have been imported from Port Darwin, North Australia, in the vicinity of which place they should have been caught. It is very possible they occur in this north-western part of Arnhemland, as *Psephotus chrysopterygius dissimilis* has been collected at the Mary River in the interior of Arnhemland. The habitat of *Psephotus chrysopterygius* is the northern part of Queensland.

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