

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *COLLYRIOCINCLA*
FROM QUEENSLAND.

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COLLYRIOCINCLA CERVINIVENTRIS, *sp. nov.*

Adult male.—General colour above greyish-brown very slightly shaded with olive, clearer grey on the head; wing-coverts like the back, the quills brown washed with olive on their outer webs, and externally edged with grey; tail brown, the two centre feathers, and the outer webs of the remainder, shaded with grey; feathers in front of the eye dull white; ear-coverts pale brown with narrow white shaft streaks; cheeks and throat white, slightly tinged with buff; remainder of the under surface and under wing-coverts pale fawn colour, the feathers on the chest shaded with grey; bill and legs fleshy-brown. Total length 7·2 inches; wing 3·7, tail 3·2, bill 0·87, depth at nostril 0·25, tarsus 1·02.

Hab.—Dawson River, Queensland.

Type.—In the Australian Museum, Sydney.

Obs.—Another specimen, probably a female has the primary-coverts and outer webs of the secondaries, washed with rufous-buff. This is the inland representative of *C. rufigaster* of the coastal brushes, from which it may be distinguished by its longer and thinner bill, and by its very much paler upper and under surface. In all the specimens from this district—three in number—the distinctive characters of this species are constant.

Eggs of this closely allied species were described by me in the "Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds,"* under the name of *C. rufigaster*.

The type of *C. rufigaster* was obtained in the brushes of the Clarence River, New South Wales. An adult male from this locality measures:—total length 7·3 inches; wing 3·9, tail 3·3, bill 0·8, depth at nostril 0·3, tarsus 1·08. A large series of specimens from the coastal districts of Queensland, as far north as Cairns, vary only in wing measurement from 3·8 to 3·9 inches.

* Austr. Mus. Cat. xii., 1889. Nests and Eggs, p. 83.