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Coracias Bengalenfis, *Lin. Syst.* i. p. 159. N° 5.

Le Rollier de Mindanao, *Brisf. orn.* ii. p. 69. N° 2. pl. 6. f. 1.

Le Cuit, or Rollier de Mindanao, *Buf. ois.* iii. p. 144.

Rollier de Mindanao, *Pl. enl.* 285.

Bengal Pyc, *Albin.* i. t. 17.

DESCRIPTION.

LENGTH twelve inches and a half: size of the last. The bill, as in that, blackish: the top of the head is green, verging to blue near the eyes: the hind part of the neck fulvous, with a violet tinge: the upper part of the back and scapulars the same, but has a greenish mixture, and in some lights changing to olive: the lower part of the back and rump blue, with a mixture of green: throat rufous white: cheeks and fore part of the neck violet, dashed down the middle of each feather with blueish white: breast rufous, inclining to violet: belly, sides, thighs, under tail and wing coverts, blue green: upper tail and lesser wing coverts fine deep blue; the greater ones, farthest from the body, blue green; but those in the middle are blue and green mixed, and those nearest the body green: the five first quills are deep blue; the middle of the outer webs blue green: the tail feathers in this bird are of equal lengths; the two middle ones dull green, tinged with blue down the shafts; the rest are blue for one third from the base, then blue green, with blue tips: the legs are grey, and the claws blackish.

PLACE.

This inhabits *Bengal* and the isle of *Mindanao*, where it is called *Cuit*. It does not essentially differ from the last*: the chief

* Nor scarcely from the second and third, sufficient to separate them into different species.

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