

3rd primary longest; 2nd next; 1st about a line shorter than the 4th. Length $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches; alar expanse $19\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Length of bill from angle of mouth 2 inches and two thirds. The female has the sides and a belt on the breast ferruginous, and the slate blue duller.

ORD. III. SCANSORIA.

Genus Picus.

Gen. char. Bill more or less long, straight, and cuneiform at the tip; nostrils basal, open, covered by bristly feathers; tongue round, extensile, sharp and rigid at the point, and armed with stiff reversed bristles; two toes before and generally two behind; feet robust; anterior toes connected at their base; posterior ones divided; 3rd and 4th primaries longest; two lateral tail feathers very short; the shafts of all the tail feathers mucronate, strong, and very rigid.

1st Section.—*Tetradactyla.*

Subdivision 1. With the bill curved, cuneiform, under mandible not carinate.

P. auratus. Golden-winged Woodpecker.

Colaptes auratus. Baird!

v.s.p. Bill dusky horn colour; legs and feet pale bluish; irides hazel; eggs 6, white.

Dorsal aspect. Crown of head cinereous brown tinged with olivaceous; posterior part of the crown with scarlet crescentic streak; nape of neck, interscapular region, scapulars, greater and smaller wing coverts, and outer vanes of the secondaries, umber coloured barred with black; rump white; tail coverts white barred with black; outer and inner vanes of the primaries, and inner vanes of the secondaries black, with rudimentary white bars on the outer vanes of the 3rd and upwards; tail cuneiform, the feathers acuminate black; the outer vane of the lateral ones barred with white, the bars rudimentary on the outer vanes of the second; the shafts of the quills of the wings and tail golden yellow.

Ventral aspect. Cheeks, and around the eye, auriculars, chin, and throat, cinnamon colour approaching to fawn, deepening into cinereous on the sides of the neck; moustaches and crescent on the breast jet black; belly, vent, and sides of flanks with round black spots on a white ground in the two former situations, and on a cinnamon ground in the two latter; tail coverts white with black