

The P I A U H A U, *Buff.**Muscicapa Rubricollis*, Gmel.*Muscicapa Cayanaensis Nigra Major*, Briss.*The Purple-throated Flycatcher*, Lath.

The Piauhaus is larger than any of the Tyrants, and is therefore excluded from the Flycatchers ; indeed, except in its bill, it bears not the least analogy to these, and seems to occupy a detached place in the order of Nature.

It is eleven inches long, and is larger than the Missel Thrush. All its plumage is deep black, except a deep purple spot that covers the throat in the male, but is wanting in the female ; the wings, when closed, extend as far as the end of the tail ; the bill is sixteen lines long, and eight broad at the base, very flat, and shaped almost like an isosceles triangle, with a small hook at the point.

These birds move in flocks, and commonly precede the Toucans, and always uttering the shrill cry *pibaubau* : it is said that they feed upon fruits like the Toucans ; but probably they also eat the winged insects, for the catching of which Nature seems to have fashioned their bill. They are very lively, and almost in continual motion. They reside only in the woods like the Toucans, and generally haunt the same spots.

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