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A NEW FORM OF MELANOCHLORA SULTANEA
FROM FUKIEN

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A FEW years ago I compared a single skin of *Melanochlora sultanea* from Fukien with one from Darjeeling, and noticed that they were different.

Lately, through the kindness of Dr. C. E. Hellmayr of the Field Museum and Mr. H. K. Coale of Highland Park, Illinois, I have been able to compare the two forms in series, and find that the differences are constant and hold in both sexes. I therefore propose to call the isolated form of Fukien

***Melanochlora sultanea seorsa* subsp. nov.**

Type, M. C. Z., no. 88,000, from Yenping, Fukien, China, adult ♂, collected March 29, 1921.

Characters. — Differing from *M. sultanea sultanea* (Hodgson) of the Himalayas and from *M. s. flavocristata* (Lafresnaye) of the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, etc., in the yellow feathers of the crest having black shafts (the shafts of the crest feathers in the other two forms are yellow), and in the yellow of the under parts and crest being paler, 'lemon chrome' of Ridgway ('empire yellow' in the other two forms).

Size about as in *M. sultanea sultanea*. Type, adult ♂: wing, 105; tail-feathers, 90; tarsus, 24; culmen to base of forehead, 16 mm.