

A SUPPOSED NEW SPECIES OF HUMMINGBIRD IN
THE ROYAL ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF
DRESDEN.

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Eriocnemis aurea sp. nov.

E. cupreiventri (Fras.) similis, sed minor, corpore toto, gula et pectore exceptis, aureo-æneo, caudæ tectricibus longis prasinis, subcaudalibus cobaltinis plus minusve viridi marginatis, tibiarum pappis minoribus, diversus.

Long. al. 58; caud. 40; rostri 20 mm.

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E. cupreiventris measures: wing, 62 mm.; tail, 45 mm., bill of equal length. The coloration of the specimen above described differs so considerably from *cupreiventris* that it cannot be taken for an individual variation. While *cupreiventris* is only slightly tinted with bronze, *aurea* is covered with golden bronze all over, and in part of a most lively tint, even on the shorter tail and wing coverts. The throat and upper breast are lighter green than in *cupreiventris*, and in certain lights washed with bronze too, and each feather has a concealed white cross band as in *E. dybowskii* Tacz. Further, the long upper tail-coverts are not greenish blue, but green, and the under tail-coverts are not violet, but cobalt blue, only in certain lights they are hyacinth-blue, some margined with green. The color of the wings as well as of the tail is not as lively as in *cupreiventris*; and, finally, the white plumes on the thighs are much shorter and not as abundant. The specimen cannot be taken for a young *cupreiventris*, being much more brightly colored on the whole body, than the adult of this species.

SOMATERIA DRESSERI, THE AMERICAN EIDER.

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THIS bird is found, as far as I have been able to learn, only on the Atlantic coast from Labrador to Delaware, collecting in large