3. Tachyphonous xanthopygius.


Niger, dorso postico et humeris flavissimis, fasciencia post-superciliari cocinea, tectricibus subalaribus albis; rostro negro, pedibus obscure plumbeis. Long. tota 7-0, aila 3-5, caudae 2-7, rostri a rictu 0-8, tarsi 0-8. (Deser. maris ex Remedios, Colombia. Mus. nostr.)

♀ nigro-cinerea, subitus dilutior, dorso postico flavo, subalaribus albis. (Deser. exempl. ex Lion Hill, Panama. Mus. nostr.)

*Hab.* Costa Rica, Angostura (*Carmiol*); Panama, Veraguas (*Arcé*), Lion Hill (*McCann*), Rio Truando (*Wood*).—Colombia.

A remarkable species whose range is restricted to the northern valleys of Colombia and Central America, as far north as Costa Rica. The northern birds have been separated by Mr. Lawrence, first under the name of *T. rubrifrons* and then as *T. propinquus*. The former name was suggested by a mark on the forehead of the type, which subsequently proved to be a stain, and so a new name was proposed. So far as we can see, *T. propinquus* rests upon the alleged similarity of the sexes, both male and female having the coloration of the female of *T. xanthopygius*. We are not in a position to disprove this statement, as our three specimens from the State of Panama are all in female dress; but we hesitate, without further evidence, to admit that, at least at some season of the year, the male never has a dress like that of the bird of Colombia. The northern birds are so exactly like the female of the true *T. xanthopygius* that it would be most unlikely that the males did not also at least resemble each other.

Mr. Selater’s first description of *T. xanthopygius* was based upon a female bird from the interior of Colombia; but the following year he obtained and described the male from the same source.

4. Tachyphonous chrysomelas. (Tab. XXI. fig. 1.)

*Tachyphonous chrysomelas*, Scel. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1869, p. 440, t. 32; Salv. P. Z. S. 1870, p. 188.

Splendide aureus, oculorum ambitu angusto, interscapulio, alis caudaque nigerrimi; remigium marginibus internis et subalaribus necnon rectricum externarum in pogonio interno limbis angustis flaviauanti-albis; rostro et pedibus nigris. Long. tota 4-6, aila 2-5, caudae 1-8, rostri a rictu 0-65, tarsi 0-65.

♀ olivacea, alis caudaque fuscis olivaceo limbatis; subitas flavicnas, hypochondriis olivaceis; subalaribus et remigium marginibus internis albis. (Deser. maris et feminæ ex Cordillera del Chucu, Panama. Mus. nostr.)

*Hab.* Panama, Cordillera del Chucu (*Arcé*).

The only specimens of this beautiful species of *Tachyphonous* are those obtained by *Arcé* at the above locality, and which served as the types of the original description.