the nearly total absence of any mention of it in other parts of the country, that it is restricted to very narrow limits, probably not extending beyond the slopes of the great volcanos.

b. *Plumæ nasales a plumis frontis hæbit distinctæ, hæ plus minusve projectæ aut erectæ.*

**CYANOLYCA.**

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*Cyanolyca,* Cabanis, Mus. Hein. i. p. 223 (1850).

*Xanthura,* Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. iii. p. 128 (partim).

In Mr. Sharpe's arrangement of the eight species we include under this generic name, four are placed in *Xanthura* and the rest in *Cyanocorax*; but we cannot help feeling that comparative measurements of tail, wings, &c., upon which Mr. Sharpe relies, have led him to associate birds by no means nearly allied, judging by their colours, and it seems to us that his section *b* of the genus *Xanthura* had best be separated and associated with his section *d* of his genus *Cyanocorax.* This treatment brings together a group of birds which are not structurally dissimilar, and which more or less share the same colours in different combinations, and we have no such discordant element as *X. luxuosa,* in which the colours depart entirely from the rest.

The eight species we now include under this name fall naturally into several groups. *C. sanblasiana,* the type of the genus *Cissolopha* of Bonaparte, can readily be distinguished by its peculiar elongated frontal crest. *C. beecheyi* and *C. yucatanica* have yellow legs, and the colour of the bill differs in the sexes, moreover the female of *C. yucatanica* has white tips to the outer tail-feathers. The other species have no abnormal characters; but *C. ornata* has the frontal feathers more distinctly erect than in *C. melanocyanea.*

The type of the genus *Cyanolyca* of Cabanis is *C. armillata* from Colombia, a species not represented in our region by any near ally.

a. *Crista frontalis tenuis, valde elongata, nigra; venter omnino niger.*

1. **Cyanolyca sanblasiana.**


*Xanthura sanblasiana,* Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. iii. p. 132.


**Hab.** MEXICO, San Blas, Acapulco (*Néboux*), plains of Colima, Manzanilla Bay, Los Trochos (*Xantus*).