

GEOSPIZA PRASINA.—(NOB.)

PLATE XXXI. FIG. 3.

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G. vertice, auricularibus, tectricibusque caudalibus supernis coccinei coloris: collo postico, cum corpore, prasino; subtus pallidior: pectoris superficie cærulescente, in indigoticum, versùs guttur nigrum, caligante; remigibus reatricibusque nigris, viridi marginatis: rostro tibiisque nigris: iride brunneâ.

Crown, auriculars, and upper tail coverts scarlet; back of the neck and body, bright green; lightest beneath; breast light blue on the surface, running into a deep indigo-blue towards the throat, which is black; quill and tail feathers black, margined with green; bill and legs black; irides brown.

Total length, $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches; extent of the wings, $7\frac{3}{8}$ inches; wings, from the carpal joint, $2\frac{4}{10}$ inches; tail, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch; tarsi, $\frac{6}{10}$ inch; middle toe, including the claw, $\frac{6}{10}$ inch; claw, $\frac{2}{10}$ inch; hind toe, including the claw, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch; claw, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch; bill, $\frac{4}{10}$ inch in length; depth at the base, $\frac{3}{10}$ inch.

Found in scattered flocks about Casuarina trees, in an open dry country, on the island of Venua Levu, one of the Feejees; they were frequently on the ground, but what they were feeding on we were unable to determine. Their common note is shrill and harsh, but, occasionally, one was heard to warble very sweetly.