

Fuliginous black; under tail coverts, shafts of the tail-feathers, and their tips, white; greater wing coverts tipped with brown; throat whitish; lower mandible white at the base; legs black; irides brown.

Total length, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; extent of wings, $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches; wing, from the carpal joint, $3\frac{1}{10}$ inches; tail, $3\frac{1}{10}$ inches; tarsi, $\frac{7}{10}$ inch; middle toe, including the nail, $\frac{5}{10}$ inch; nail, $\frac{3}{10}$ inch; hind toe, $\frac{9}{20}$ inch; nail, $\frac{2}{10}$ inch; bill, $\frac{3}{10}$ inch; to the angle of the mouth, $\frac{6}{10}$ inch.

They were found in the month of October, inhabiting shady forests on the island of Upolu; and were not so familiar or noisy as the New Zealand Fan-tails.

MONARCHA NIGRA.—(LATH.)

Society Flycatcher. *Muscicapa nigra*. Latham, Gen. Hist. of Birds, vol. vi. p. 185.

Luteous Flycatcher. *Muscicapa lutea*. Lath., Gen. Hist. of Birds, vol. vi. p. 208, No. 86.

Muscicapa Pomarea. Lesson.

Gobe-mouche de Maupiti. *Muscicapa Maupitiensis*. Garnot. Voyage de la Coquille, Zool. tom. i. pt. 2, p. 592, pl. 17.

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This is a very common species on the Island of Tahiti. It is not surprising that already it should have so many names: the four we have quoted are not all, but they are sufficient to indicate the great variety of plumage in which it is disguised; black, brown, and white, are the prevailing colours of its plumage; but excepting those which are entirely black, we have not seen two specimens out of twenty or thirty, which were entirely alike. Deep black, with a metallic blue gloss, is probably the perfect dress of adult birds; it is common to find them variously spotted, black, brown, and white, without regularity, although they may be paired and raising their broods; besides the strength of their voices, for they are inclined to be musical, which indicates maturity. Hence we infer that they are subject to almost