

*ALCYONE DIEMENENSIS.* *Alc. omni superiore corpore intensè cyaneo, ad uropygium et tectrices caudæ superiores splendidius; alis nigris cyaneo lavatis; gula stramineâ; vertice nigro indistinctè fasciato.*

All the upper surface deep blue, becoming more vivid on the rump and upper tail-coverts; wings black, washed with blue; throat buff; under surface of the body and wings ferruginous orange; on each side of the chest a patch of bluish black; lores and a small patch behind the ears buff; crown of the head indistinctly barred with black; irides and bill black; feet orange.

Total length,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; bill, 2; wing,  $3\frac{1}{8}$ ; tail,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ ; tarsi,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Hab.* Van Diemen's Land.

*Remark.*—Rather more robust than *Alcyone azurea* or *A. pulchra*, and differing from both in the blue of the upper surface, which is less brilliant and of a slight greenish tinge.