

ALCYONE PULCHRA. *Alc. omni corpore superiore splendidè purpurascence-cyaneo; alis fusco-nigris; loris, cristulá post aurem, et gulá, stramineis; lateribus pectoris purpurascence-cyaneis, in vini colorem ad latera mergentibus.*

All the upper surface shining purplish blue; wings brownish black; lores, tuft behind the ear and throat buff; under surface deep ferruginous orange; sides of the chest fine purplish blue, passing into a rich vinous tint on the flanks; irides and bill black; feet orange.

Total length, 6 inches; bill, 2; wing, $2\frac{7}{8}$; tail, $1\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $\frac{3}{8}$.

Hab. Port Essington.

Remark.—This is by far the finest of the Australian Alcyones, and is at once distinguished by the rich blue of the upper surface and the beautiful vinous colouring of the flanks.