

HALCYON SORDIDUS, *Gould.*

Sordid Halcyon.

Halcyon sordidus, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part X. p. 72.

I POSSESS two specimens of this species of *Halcyon*, which were killed by Mr. Bynoe on the north coast of Australia; unfortunately they were unaccompanied by any information respecting their habits and economy; they appear to be fully adult, and equal in size to the *Halcyon collaris*,—a species, which, although said to be Australian, I have no authentic evidence of its ever having been killed therein.

Head, back, scapularies and wing-coverts brownish oil-green; wings greenish blue, gradually changing into green on the tips of the tertiaries; collar round the back of the neck and all the under surface buffy white; tail greenish blue; upper mandible and tip of the lower one black; base of the latter flesh-white.

The figures are of the natural size.