

**MELIPHAGA LONGIROSTRIS.** *Vertice et genis nigris ; plumis minutis ad basin mandibulæ superioris, mystacibus ad basin inferioris mandibulæ, strigâ superciliari, plumarum cristulâ post aures, plumisque in jugulo setosis, albis.*

Top of the head and cheeks black, with minute white feathers on the forehead round the base of the upper mandible ; a superciliary stripe, a moustache at the base of the lower mandible, and a small tuft of feathers immediately behind the ear-coverts white ; feathers on the throat white and bristle-like ; upper surface brownish black, becoming browner on the rump ; wings brownish black, the outer edges of the quills margined at the base with beautiful wax-yellow, and faintly margined with white towards the extremities ; tail brownish black, margined externally at the base with wax-yellow, and with a large oval spot of white on the inner web, at the tip of all but the two centre feathers ; surface white broadly striped with black, the black predominating on the breast and the white on the abdomen ; irides white ; bill and feet black.

*Hab.* Western Australia.

Total length, 7 inches ; bill, 1 ; wing,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  ; tail,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ; tarsi,  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Remark.*—Nearly allied to the *M. Novæ-Hollandiæ*, but differing from that species in the stouter and more lengthened form of the bill, and in having the white patch on the face much less defined.