

MELIPHAGA MYSTACALIS. *Mel. vertice et gutture nigris; strigâ superoculari angustâ, albâ; plumis auricularibus densis, albis, et penicillum posticè acutum efficientibus.*

Head, chin and throat black; over the eye a narrow line of white; ears covered by a conspicuous tuft of white feathers, which are closely set and terminate in a point towards the back; upper surface brownish black, the feathers edged with white; under surface white, with a broad stripe of black down the centre of each feather; wings and tail blackish brown, conspicuously margined with bright yellow; irides brown; bill black; feet blackish brown.

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

Hab. Western Australia.

Nearly allied to *Meliphaga sericea*.