

ENTOMOPHILA PICTA, Gould.

MAS. *Ent. capite, genis, corporeque suprà nigris; plumis auricularibus posticè albo fimbriatis; alis nigris primariis secundariisque extùs nitidè flavis; caudæ retractoribus nigris, extùs flavo marginatis, omnibusque (duabus internis exceptis) plus minùsve extùs albo ad apicem notatis; gulâ, corporeque subtùs albis, hóc ad latera notis subfuscis longitudinalibus sparsè ornato; rostro flavescente; pedibus nigrescentibus.*

FŒM. VEL MAS JUNIOR? *Differt partibus fuscis, quæ in mare adulto nigræ; in cæteris mari simillima, flavo colore minùs nitido, rostroque ad apicem fusco.*

Long. tot. $5\frac{1}{2}$ unc.; rostri, $\frac{3}{4}$; alæ, $3\frac{5}{8}$; caudæ, $2\frac{3}{8}$; tarsi, $\frac{5}{8}$.

MALE. Head, cheeks, and all the upper surface black, the posterior edges of the ear-coverts tipped with white; wings black, the outer edges of the primaries and secondaries rich yellow, forming a conspicuous broad bar on the wing; tail black, margined externally with rich yellow, each feather except the two centre ones more or less largely tipped on the internal web with white; throat and all the under surface white, the flanks having a few longitudinal faint spots of brown; bill yellowish white; feet blackish brown.

FEMALE, OR YOUNG MALE. Differs in having all those parts of hair brown which are black in the male; in other respects the colours are the same, except that they are less brilliant, and the bill brown at the tip.

SYN. *Entomophila picta*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Remark. The disposition of the yellow markings of the wings and tail of this kind reminds us of the Goldfinch (*Carduelis elegans*, Steph.): the lengthened wing, broad and short tail, the great breadth of the bill at its base, and the short tarsi lead me to believe that this species feeds principally upon insects which it pursues and captures on the wing.

Habitat. Australia: locality, interior of New South Wales.