



THE RED-CERED PIGEON.

Gloicera rubricera.

The upper bird shows the red cere as in the breeding season.

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A New Pigeon Recorded for Australia—the Red-cered Pigeon (*Globicera rubricera*).

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IN the *Austral Avian Record* (vol. ii., No. 5, 1914) Mr. G. M. Mathews recorded two additional species of Pigeons for Australia. One of these he had previously recorded among his additions to the Australian avifauna in his "List of the Birds of Australia" under the name of *Globicera pacifica lepida*, but, after its comparison with Cassin's type of *Carpophaga lepida* in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, he described it as a new sub-species, and gave it the name of *Globicera pacifica queenslandica*.

The other species recorded is *Globicera rubricera lepida*. This was described by Cassin* in 1854, under the name of *Carpophaga lepida*, from a single specimen in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

According to Cassin, the specimen was obtained in Europe by Mr. Edward Wilson, and was labelled "Northern Australia (?)."

Apparently on the statement of Mr. Stone, of the Academy of Sciences Museum, "that the locality had never been doubted,"† Mathews decided to include this species in the list of Australian birds; but in view of the remoteness from Australia of the known habitat of the species, which appears to be restricted to the Bismarck Archipelago, and the absence of any other Australian record, it seems possible that a mistake has been made in the locality. However, to draw attention to the need for further investigation, this fine Pigeon is figured here.

The two specimens which form the subject of the coloured plate are from New Britain and the Duke of York Island, and are in the collection of the National Museum, Melbourne.

* Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philad., vol. vii., p. 230, 1854.

† Mathews, *Aust. Avian Rec.*, vol. ii., p. 84, 1914.