

TROGON AMBIGUUS BREEDING IN ARIZONA.

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Lieut. H. C. Benson, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., has sent to the National Museum a specimen of *Trogon ambiguus* GOULD, in first plumage, obtained on the Huachuca Mountains August 24, 1885, thus showing that the species breeds in that locality. The nestling plumage of this *Trogon* never having been published, so far as I am aware, I give the following description of Lieutenant Benson's specimen:

Young ♂ (No. 109523, U. S. Nat. Mus., Huachuca Mts., Arizona, August 24, 1885; Lieut. H. C. Benson, U. S. A.):

Head dull brownish gray, darker above, paler beneath, more tinged with olive-brownish posteriorly; lores and suborbital region blackish gray; a small spot on malar apex, a conspicuous orbital ring (interrupted on middle portion of upper eyelid and on anterior half or more of lower lid) and broad bar crossing obliquely; middle portion of auriculars pure white; back and scapulars grayish brown (interspersed with a few metallic bronze green feathers of the adult plumage); rump and upper tail-coverts dull cinnamon-brown, mixed with a few feathers of pure metallic green (of adult livery); middle tail-feathers dusky, passing into dull cinnamon-brown on edges and toward tips (the latter narrowly black at extremity) and glossed with coppery bronze; next two pairs of rectrices uniform black; two outer rectrices with outer webs pure white (except basally), barred with black, the inner webs chiefly black, but passing into pure white terminally and on edges, the white portion barred with black. Lesser and middle wing-coverts buffy white or very pale buff, margined with black, producing conspicuous large spots; greater coverts and tertials pale grayish buffy, minutely freckled with dusky, and each terminated by a large spot of buffy white (nearly pure white on tertials); secondaries dusky, edged with freckled pale grayish buffy; primaries blackish dusky, edged with pure white. Breast, belly, sides, flanks, anal region, and lower tail-coverts dull white or grayish white, marked with rather broad but more or less irregular transverse bars of grayish brown, this nearly uniform on sides of breast, but, flanks, anal region, and crissum nearly immaculate. Bill bright yellow; feet pale brownish gray (in dried skin). Length (skin), 11.50; wing, 5.40; tail, 6.40.

* The species of *Trogon* referred to by Mr. W. E. D. Scott in the Auk for October, 1886, p. 425, is without much doubt the only other Mexican species of typical *Trogon* with red breast (*T. elegans* GOULD, *T. mexicanus* SW., and *T. puella* GOULD), being confined to the southern portions of that country. A yellow-breasted species (*T. citreolus* GOULD) is common in the vicinity of Mazatlan, and may possibly occur as far north as Southern Arizona.