PSITTACUS PORPHYRURUS.

Character Genericus.

Rostrum aduncum: mandibula superiore mobili, cera instructa. 
Nares in rostri base. 
Lingua carnosa, obtusa, integra. 
Pedes scanforii. 


Character Specificus.

PSITTACUS brachyurus viridis, uropygio cyaneo, rectricibus (exceptis intermediiis duabus) purpureis. 

Obs. Caudae rectrices valde producent; rectrices apice subquadrate, nigro fimbriate. 

Latham. vol. 1. p. 315.

Formosam hanc aviculam, Cayanam in America Australi incolentem, colores decorant præter folitum vividi et splendentes. Præcipue distinguitur hæc species rectricibus, seu caudæ pennis purpureis; exceptis intermediiis, quæ virent. Species fui generis fere rarissima est, et (ut puto) nunc primum pictura in publicum evulgata.

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THE
PURPLE-TAILED PARRAKEET.

Generic Character.

Bill hooked. Upper mandible moveable.
Nostrils round, placed in the base of the bill.
Tongue fleshy, broad, blunt at the end.
Legs short. Toes formed for climbing, viz. two backward and two forward.

Linnaeus and Pennant.

Specific Character, &c.

SHORT-TAILED GREEN PARRAKEET, with the rump blue, and the tail (except the two middle feathers) purple.

Olf. The coverts of the tail are very long, and the tail-feathers are squarish at the tips, and fringed with black.

PURPLE-TAILED PARRAKEET.

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The colours of this most beautiful species, which is a native of Cayenne in South America, are of uncommon brilliancy. It is principally distinguished by the purple rectrices, or tail-feathers; except the two middle ones, which are green. It is one of the rarest birds of its genus, and we believe this to be the first figure of it yet published.