

by the different boats of the Continental Shipping Companies, would tend to strengthen the opinion that the specimen is an escaped cage-bird, but unless it has moulted since it obtained its freedom, the perfect condition of plumage it is in points to the contrary.

The specimen has been mounted and placed in the Collection, where it will be available for future reference; but for want of further proof it is undesirable at present to include it in the Australian avifauna.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF PARRAKEET,
OF THE GENUS *PLATYCERCUS*, FROM NORTH-WEST
AUSTRALIA.

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PLATYCERCUS OCCIDENTALIS, *sp. n.*

Adult female.—Across the forehead a faint indication of a narrow orange-brown band; head and hind neck dull brownish-black, the tips of the feathers above the forehead slightly tinged with green, cheeks light blue passing into bluish-green on the outer and lower sides of the throat; a narrow collar on the lower nape, the lower portion of the breast, and abdomen to the vent, bright lemon-yellow; chest, back, wings, scapulars and their coverts, and the outer sides of the thighs, verditer-green; the median portion of the apical half of the feathers of the chest slightly tinged with yellow; rump, upper, and under tail coverts, light verditer-green, the feathers of the latter having a faint yellowish tinge; primaries black, the apical half of the outer webs of the outermost series grey, the basal half blue; the remainder blue on their outer webs, black at the tips; secondaries, black on their inner webs, verditer-green on the outer, the apical half of the inner webs of the last inner secondaries edged and slightly tipped with pale fulvous-brown; primary-coverts, blue on their outer webs, black on the inner; lesser, median, and greater wing-coverts, verditer-green, the outermost feathers of the latter passing into a pale verdigris-green; under surface of the wings and under