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A. flavigenis. Pl. Col. 388. f. 1.

FAMILY CINNYRIDÆ. *Sunbirds*.

Wings with the outermost quills more or less shortened or graduated. Bill more or less curved, generally entire. Nostrils short, oval, membranaceous, opening by a lateral slit. Feet moderate. Bill entire.

MELITHREPTES, Vieillot. (*fig. 288. g*) Bill long, sickle-shaped; the sides considerably compressed: the culmen elevated, and the tips entire. Nostrils very short, opening by a semicircular slit. Tongue long; the tip only terminated by a bunch of short filaments. Wings moderate; the three first quills nearly equal. Feet robust, long. Lateral toes equal. Tarsus almost twice as long as the hind toe. Pacific Islands.

M. pacifica. Ois. dorés, pl. 63.

CINNYRIS, Cuvier. (*fig. 288. i*) Bill long, slender; the tips very acute and entire; the margins minutely denticulated: base of the upper mandible folding over, and partly concealing that of the lower. Nostrils short, oval. Tongue retractile, simply forked. First quill spurious, second shorter than the third. Tail even or rounded. India and Africa.

C. chalybea. Zool. III. i. 95.

ANTHREPTES, Sw. (*fig. 288. f*) Bill moderate, rather strong, slightly curved; widening towards the base, which is much broader than it is high. Base of the under mandible thickened, and not partially covered by the upper. Wings, feet, and tail as in *Cinnyris*.

A. Javanica. Zool. III. i. pl. 121.

NECTARINIA, Illiger. (*fig. 288. e*) Bill in general shorter than the head, wide at the base, compressed from the

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