

[These little Swiftlets were seen flying about in numbers on every part of the island at which we were. Shot July 20.]

Judging from the difference in the structure of the nests obtained by Dr Gräffe from Tongatabu (*l. s. c.*) and those from the Fijis (Orn. Central-Polyn., p. 276, t. xiv.), I expected to find a different species of *Collocalia* inhabiting the Friendly Group; but on examining the specimens before me, I find them exactly like those from the Fijis and Navigators'. The structure of the nests seems to vary individually. (*Cf.* Finsch, Journ. f. Ornith., 1872, p. 35.)

Long.	Alæ.	Rectr. intern.	Rectr. ext.	
in. lin.	in. lin. in. lin.	lin.	lin.	
...	... 4 1	.18	21	Tongatabu.
3 7	... 4 2	15-18	19-20	Fiji (6 specimens).
...	4 1-4 5	18-20	21-23	Navigators' (3 specimens).

Mr Layard enumerates *C. vanicorensis* also among the birds of Tonga, although it was not detected by him. On this latter species compare Finsch, Journ. Mus. Godeffr., Heft xii. p. 23, 1876. Its occurrence in the Fijis, which has been alleged by us (Orn. Central-Polyn., p. 47) upon the faith of a specimen sent us by Dr Gräffe, the only one we saw said to be from thence, is very doubtful.

2. *Halcyon sacra*, Gm.

Halcyon sacra, F. and H., Ornith. Central-Polyn., p. 32; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1869, p. 545 (Tonga); Journ. f. Orn., 1870, p. 1241 (Tonga); Layard, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1876, p. 501; Finsch, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1877, p. 723.

- No. 2. Tongatabu. Male.
 No. 3. „ Male.
 No. 4. „ Female.
 No. 5. „ Female.

[Shot July 20: eyes back. These birds were in considerable numbers near the houses of the natives.]

- No. 23. Tongatabu. Female.
 No. 24. „ Male.
 No. 27. „ Female.
 No. 28. „ Male.

[Shot July 21.]

No. 27 (female) has a pure white superciliary stripe; in the other specimens this is