"The golden gorget colibri," says he "has the top part of the head and neck, the back, and the rump, of an obscure golden colour; the upper covert feathers of the tail are green; the intermediate quill feathers are of a greenish brown colour; the lateral ones are violet, terminated with blue; all the throat of this colibri is of a beautiful gilded green colour; and, on the sides of the neck may be seen some shades of blue; the breast is black, and this colour extends as far as the belly, where it becomes of a brownish hue; the sides of the body are intermixed with green and gold. The beak is black as well as the feet.

"The top part of the head of the female is brown; the neck, the back, the rump, and the two intermediate quill feathers of the tail are of a brownish green, with some shades of gold; the lateral quill feathers of the tail are of an obscure red colour for the first half of them, and the rest is black, terminated with white; the under part of the beak, the throat, and the breast, are of a dirty grey colour, which becomes more and more obscure as it approaches the belly; the beak and the feet are black."