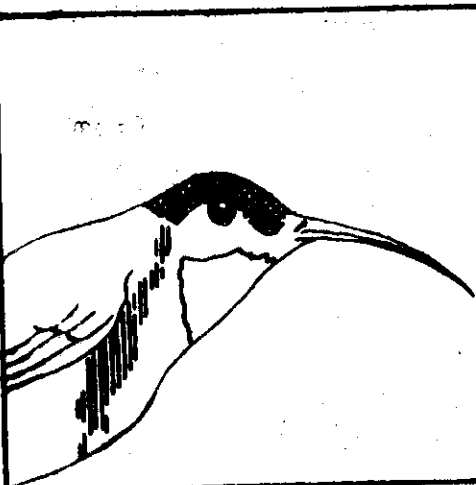


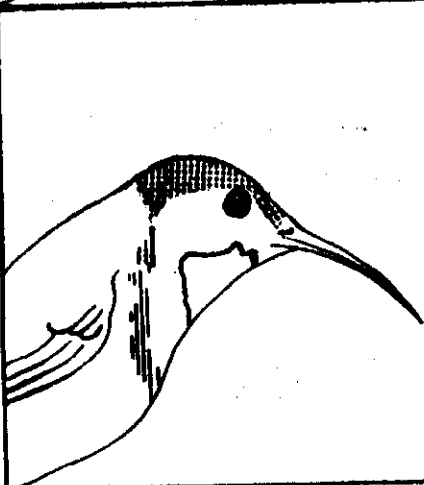
BIRD IN THE HAND

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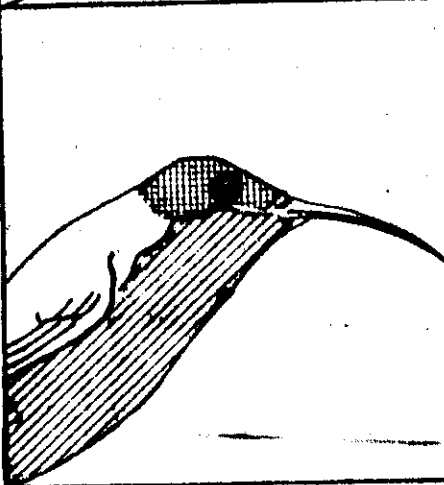
EASTERN SPINEBILL *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*. R.A.O.U.  
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Adult Male: Crown and forehead black with edging of dark glossy green to feathers. Black crescent marks on side of breast broad and well defined. Larger than female. Bill, 25-30mm. Wing, 63, 65-72mm. Tail, 56-65mm. 45 measured.



Female: Crown and forehead greyish olive with edging of pale glossy green to feathers. Black crescent not so well defined. Plumage in general duller. Smaller than male. Bill, 21-25mm, Wing, 58-65mm. Tail, 49-59mm. 22 measured.



Immature: Crown and forehead dull brownish olive with no glossy edging to feathers. Under parts fawn.

It may be possible to tell male immature birds by Bill, Wing and Tail measurements. This needs investigating.