

ASIATIC NUTHATCH.

Sitta Asiatica, Temm.

M. TEMMINCK has kindly forwarded to us a fine example of this elegant species of Nuthatch for the purpose of illustration, accompanied by a note stating that it was from Russia, and would form a portion of the supplement to the third part of his "Manuel." We can only regret that we have not been able to acquire any further information respecting it.

It is rather smaller in size than the common species (*Sitta Europæa*), and is much lighter in the general tone of its colouring.

The crown of the head and all the upper surface are light grey; wings greyish brown, the primaries being darker; outer tail-feathers white at the base and dark brown towards the tip; the remainder, except the two middle ones, which are grey, dark brown at their base; a stripe over the eye; the chest and upper part of the abdomen white; lower part of the abdomen and under tail-coverts dull rufous; a black stripe commences at the base of the bill and runs through the eye to the shoulders; bill black; feet brown.

Our figure is of the natural size.