

ROSY GROSBEAK.

Erythropsiza rosea.

Le Bouvreuil Pallas.

WE believe we may safely affirm that this beautiful species of Finch is strictly confined to the northern regions of the Old World, and that it is not found, as stated by some authors, on the continent of America. By Wilson it was considered synonymous with the *Fringilla purpurea*, which although bearing a strong resemblance in its general contour and colouring, differs both from it and *Erythropsiza erythrina*, in the form of the bill: the two latter birds have this organ shorter, and more swollen at the sides, approaching in these particulars to the typical *Pyrrhulæ*, or Buffinches.

Russia and Siberia constitute the true habitat of the present species, though it may occasionally be found in Hungary and the more central parts of Europe. It is considered one of the rarest European birds, and is consequently much sought after by collectors. The female is quite unknown to ourselves, and we are not aware of any description of that sex having been recorded.

Head, back, rump, upper tail-coverts, breast, and all the under surface of a rich rosy hue, with a stripe of dark brown down the centre of each of the feathers of the back; crown of the head and the throat ornamented with pinkish white silky feathers; wings brown, the lesser coverts terminated with pinkish white, and the greater coverts with pink, forming two bands across the wing; tail brown margined with pink; bill and feet light yellowish brown.

Our figure is of the natural size.