feather, these spots paling into whitish near the apex; the hind-neck plain umber-brown, separating the nape-spot from the mantle; head tawny buff, mottled and, as it were, striped with dark brown edges to the feathers; a few of the feathers of the crown with silvery-whitish tips; on the nape a band of beautiful lilac plumes, somewhat elongated laterally; wing-coverts like the back, and spotted with tawny buff at the tips; the quills brown, edged with whity brown and having pale spots at the end of the secondaries, these spots being somewhat obsolete on the tips of the primaries; upper tail-coverts blackish brown, having in addition to the fulvous bar at the end, a second sub-terminal bar of tawny buff; tail-feathers brown, edged with pale brown along both webs, and tipped with pale tawny buff; lores and ear-coverts, as well as the sides of the neck, tawny buff, like the head, and striped in the same manner, with dusky brown edges to the feathers; cheeks buffy whitish, the feathers edged with brown; throat fulvescent, shading off into whity brown on the chest, the breast and abdomen being uniform creamy buff; the sides of the body whitish, barred with dusky on the flanks and thighs; the throat and fore-neck spotted with small bars of dusky; under tail-coverts pale tawny buff, with a few remains of dusky brown bars; axillaries buffy whitish; under wing-coverts tawny buff, with a few dusky brown bars; quills ashy brown below, pale yellow along the inner web: "bill and feet dusky brown; bare skin at the corner of the mouth thick, fleshy, prominent, and of a pinky flesh-colour; iris dark brown" (Gould).

Total length 11.5 inches, culmen 1.1, wing 5.75, tail 4.25, tarsus 1.6.

Adult female. Very similar to the male, but without the lilac-coloured band on the nape, the latter being of the same colour as the head, and separated from the mantle by the hind-neck, which is of a lighter and more umber-brown than the back. Total length 11.5 inches, culmen 1.1, wing 5.7, tail 4.5, tarsus 1.6.

The figure in the Plate represents a male of this species drawn from a specimen in the British Museum.



BOWER OF THE SPOTTED BOWER-BIRD.

From a sketch by Mr. North.