

## CHARADRIUS VEREDUS, *Gould.*

### Brown Plover.

*Charadrius veredus*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., February 22, 1848.

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A SPECIMEN of this species was procured at Port Essington by Mr. Gilbert, and a second has been sent to me from Sydney by Mr. Strange; these, and one other example, are all that have come under my observation; we may consequently infer that it is a very rare bird in Australia. Judging from its structure and the character of its plumage, it would seem to be nearly allied to the restricted genus *Eudromias* or Dottrells: I have however placed it in the genus *Charadrius*, until a knowledge of its habits, whether or not it undergoes any periodical changes of plumage, and if the specimens from which I have taken my figures be perfectly adult, have been ascertained,

Crown of the head and all the upper surface brown, each feather narrowly fringed with buff; primaries blackish brown, the shaft of the first white; tail brown, narrowly edged with white, the brown colour gradually fading as the feathers recede from the centre; face, a broad stripe over the eye and the chin buffy white; sides and back of the neck and the breast buffy brown; abdomen and under surface white; irides very dark brown; legs and feet brownish flesh-colour; bill dark brown.

The figures are of the natural size.