

ODONTOPHORUS SPECIOSUS, *Tschudi*.

Rufous-breasted Partridge.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

"*O. pileo plumis elongatis obscure fuscis; regionibus superciliaribus nigro et albo maculatis; gulâ aterrimâ; dorso fusco, lineolis obscuris transversalibus numerosis; plumarum scapo albo; remigibus nigris; parapteris nigro et flavo maculatis; crisso et uropygio dorso dilutioribus; pectore abdomineque cinnamomeis.*"—Tschudi.

Crown of the head very dark brown; over the eye an interrupted line of white streaks; throat black; back brown with numerous transverse indistinct lines or freckles of black, and with a line of white down the centre; wings similarly marked, and with an oval spot of buff, bounded posteriorly with black at the tip of each of the coverts; primaries dark brown, freckled with deep sandy buff; scapularies black, broadly margined on their inner webs with deep buff; chest and abdomen cinnamon-red; rump and thighs brown, freckled with black; bill black; feet lead-colour.

Total length, $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches; *bill*, $\frac{7}{8}$; *wing*, $5\frac{1}{4}$; *tail*, $2\frac{1}{4}$; *tarsi*, 2; *middle toe and nail*, $2\frac{1}{8}$.

Odontophorus speciosus, Tschudi, in Wieg. Archiv. Naturg. 1843, p. 387.—Ib. Fauna Peruana, p. 281. Taf. xxxiii.—Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. iii. p. 513, *Odontophorus*, sp. 8.

THIS species, like the *O. pachyrhynchus*, was discovered by the celebrated Peruvian traveller M. Tschudi, who has thus added two highly interesting species to this section of the family. It is distinguished from all the others by its richly coloured chest of cinnamon-red, with a throat mark of the deepest black; it is about the size of *O. Guianensis*, and like that bird dwells in the midst of the hottest forests; but even there, says M. Tschudi, it is seldom met with.

In a fine example from Peru, now in the possession of the Earl of Derby, the black of the throat extends over the eye, obliterating the white streaks above that organ, but leaving them very apparent posterior to it.

Habitat. The hot forests bordering the rivers Aynamayo and Chauchomayo in Peru.

The figures are of the natural size.