

Genus ASTUR, *Lacep.*

14. *Astur Novæ-Hollandiæ* . . . . . Vol. I. Pl. 14.  
 15. *Astur Novæ-Hollandiæ, albino* . . . . . Vol. I. Pl. 15.

*Astur Novæ-Hollandiæ*, Cuv. Règ. An., 1817, p. 320.

*Sparvius niveus*, Vieill. Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., tom. x. p. 338.

*Dædalion candidum*, Less. Traité d'Orn., p. 66.

*Falco leucaëtos*, Forst. Descr. Anim. and Drawings, No. 35.

*Astur (Leucospiza) Novæ-Hollandiæ*, Kaup, Class. der Säug. und Vög., p. 119.

I think Professor Kaup is right in proposing a new generic title for this species, differing as it does both in structure and habits from the true *Asturs*; he also, like myself, considers the white birds to be merely albino varieties of the other; but my friends, the Rev. T. J. Ewing and Ronald C. Gunn, Esq. of Van Diemen's Land, are both most decidedly opposed to this view of the subject, and found their dissent upon the circumstance of there being none other than white individuals in Van Diemen's Land.

So far as it is at present known, the southern and eastern portions of Australia and the island of Van Diemen's Land constitute the habitat of the species.

16. *Astur radiatus* . . . . . Vol. I. Pl. 16.

*Astur testaceus (Ernest.)*, Kaup, Isis, 1847, p. 367.

A curious form not quite agreeing with *Astur*; it is very rare, and nothing whatever is known of its habits.

17. *Astur approximans, Vig. & Horsf.* . . . . Vol. I. Pl. 17.

*Astur radiatus*, Cuv. Règ. An., 1829, p. 332.

*Nisus (Urospiza) radiatus*, Kaup, Mus. Senckenb., 1845, p. 259.

— (——) *approximans*, Kaup, Isis, 1847, p. 182.

*Accipiter approximans*, List of Birds in Brit. Mus. Coll., Part I. 2nd edit. p. 74.

The *Astur approximans* has been with propriety removed to the genus *Accipiter* by Mr. G. R. Gray, and to this genus my *A. cruentus* is also referable; for although of a larger size than the other members of that form, their structure, except in the shorter middle toe, is very similar.

18. *Astur cruentus, Gould* . . . . . Vol. I. Pl. 18.

*Astur cruentus*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part X. p. 113.

This species and the preceding are representatives of each other in the eastern and western portions of the continent.

I have lately seen specimens from Port Essington.

Genus ACCIPITER, *Briss.*

19. *Accipiter torquatus* . . . . . Vol. I. Pl. 19.

*Sparvius cirrhocephalus*, Vieill. Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., tom. x. p. 328.

—— *tricolor*, Vieill. ibid. p. 329.

*Falco melanops*, Lath. Ind. Orn. Supp., p. 12?

*Sparvius melanops*, Vieill. Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., tom. x. p. 239?

*Astur (Micronisus) torquatus*, Kaup, Mus. Senckenb. 1845, p. 259.

*Nisus (Urospiza) torquatus*, Kaup, Isis, 1847, p. 181.

*Accipiter cirrhocephalus*, List of Birds in Brit. Mus. Coll., Part I. 2nd edit. p. 73.

Precisely similar in all its actions and in its economy to the Sparrow Hawk, *Accipiter nisus* of Europe.