

EUPSYCHORTYX LEUCOPOGON.

White-faced Partridge.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Eups. facie, strigâ superciliari, et gulâ albis plumis auricularibus fuscis; pectore sparsim, lateribus conspicuè, guttis rotundatis albis, notatis, super colorem pallidè castaneum.

Face, stripe over the eye and throat white; crest and ear-coverts brown; back of the neck rufous brown; sides of the neck spotted with black and white; chest vinaceous or reddish brown, minutely freckled with black and irregularly spotted with white encircled with black; abdomen and flanks chestnut, ornamented with large spots of buffy white separated by black; mantle and all the upper surface vinous chestnut-red, freckled and crossed with zigzag lines of black and buff; tertiaries broadly margined interiorly with buff; tail grey, crossed with zigzag markings of buff and freckled with the same colour; bill black; feet fleshy brown.

Total length, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; *bill*, $\frac{1}{2}$; *wing*, 4; *tail*, $2\frac{1}{2}$; *tarsi*, $1\frac{1}{3}$; *middle toe and nail*, $1\frac{1}{8}$.

Ortyx leucopogon, Less. Rev. de Zool., 1842, p. 175.—Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. iii. p. 514, *Ortyx*, sp. 12.—O. des Murs, Icon. Orn., pl. 36.

THIS species is distinguished from every other member of the genus *Eupsychortyx* by its white face and throat, and the peculiar spotted markings of the chest.

I am indebted to the Baron de la Fresnaye for the use of the specimen from which the above characters are taken; it is the only one that has come under my notice.

The bird has been figured by M. O. des Murs in his "Iconographie Ornithologique" without any indication of the crest, an omission I cannot account for, as it was very apparent in the specimen above referred to, and is moreover a character common to all the species of the genus.

Habitat. San Carlos in Central America.

The figures represent males of the natural size; the female I have never seen.