Mongolians, who trap them. It would appear from various accounts to be a rock-loving bird, and to differ in the choice of its haunts from the home species, as *Caccabis chukar* of the Himalayas and North China does from the French Partridge, *Caccabis rubra*."

In general appearance the present bird assimilates to the Common Partridge of Europe more nearly than to its other ally the *Perdix Hodgsoniæ*—but is readily distinguished from the former by its somewhat smaller size, by the lengthened plumes on the cheeks, by the light sandy-buff colouring of its breast, by the jet-black horseshoe-shaped mark on the abdomen, and by a very narrow line of black on the forehead close to the base

of the upper mandible, which does not exist in the European bird.

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The male has the hinder part of the crown and the occiput brownish black, striated and mottled with greyish white; fore part of the head, a broad stripe over each eye, the cheeks, throat, and centre of the breast sandy buff; back and sides of the neck and upper surface of the body light grey, crossed with numerous fine wavy lines of black; besides which the feathers of the mantle are crossed near the tip with a crescent of lively chestnut, bordered above and below by a light or whitish grey line; the back and upper tail-coverts are similarly coloured and marked, but the grey tint is paler than that of the neck and mantle; wing-coverts, scapularies, and innermost secondaries greyish brown, blotched with chestnut and having a conspicuous stripe of dull white down the shaft; primaries brown, crossed by numerous bands of very pale buff; flanks grey, freckled with narrow bands of black, crossed near the tip with a broad conspicuous band of lively chestnut, and having a line of white down the shaft; on the centre of the abdomen a horseshoe-shaped mark of jet-black; lower part of the abdomen and under tail-coverts buffy grey; lateral tail-feathers chestnut, becoming darker at the tip; bill bluish horn-colour; legs and feet olive-brown.

The female is very similar, but has only indications of the buff colouring of the breast and of the black mark on the abdomen.

The Plate represents a male and a female, of the size of life.