small copse, out of which it was with much difficulty hunted, when it darted through an open door into the kitchen and concealed itself behind a box.

"The males are very pugnacious, and in their manner of fighting remind me of the game-cock, depressing and elevating the head, imitating each other's actions, &c. &c.

"Of its nidification nothing is known.

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"Native name, Aban-cuccula. Cucculo is the general name for all fowls, male birds; cuccula is female; and kikili is plural."

The male has the feathers of the head black, with a fine line of white down the centre of each, becoming almost obsolete on the centre of the crown; feathers of the back of the neck black, with a line of white down the centre of each, commencing in a fine point at the base of the feather, gradually but slightly increasing in breadth towards and ending near the apex; feathers of the shoulders and scapularies deep chestnut, freckled with black, and having a broad oblong mark of black down the centre, within which is a lengthened white line as on the neck; lower part of the back deep chestnut, minutely freckled with black at the tip of each feather; lesser wing-coverts black, bordered with chestnut at the base and a small drop-like spot of buffy white near the tip; primaries brown; remainder of the wing deep chestnut, freckled with black, and at the tips of the greater coverts a pear-shaped mark of black, within which is a similar mark of white; upper and under tail-coverts black; tail rich purplish black; feathers of the throat, breast and abdomen black, with a pear-shaped mark of white near the tip, which mark becomes more elongated as the feathers proceed downwards, until on the flanks they assume a similar but bolder form than the lines on the back of the neck; on the lower part of the abdomen and thighs they again become of a more rounded form, but are much less conspicuous; bill and orbits beautiful red; irides dark brown; legs and feet red.

The female has the entire plumage deep chestnut, paler on the under surface and minutely freckled with brown, especially on the secondaries and upper tail-coverts; tail purplish black; bill, orbits, eyes, legs and feet as in the male, but not quite so rich in colour.

The figures in the accompanying Plate are of the natural size.