

ORTYX VIRGINIANUS.

Virginian Partridge.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

O. pectore et lateribus pallidè castaneis, abdomine medio fulvescenti-albo, notis nigris crebris et sagittiformibus ornato.

Male.—Forehead, line over the eye and chin pure white, bounded by a band of black, which descends and spreads broadly over the throat; crown of the head, neck and upper part of the breast reddish brown; sides of the neck spotted with white and black on a reddish brown ground; back, scapularies and lesser wing-coverts reddish brown, intermingled with ash and freckled with black; tertiaries edged with buff; wings dusky; lower part of the breast and belly pale yellowish white, crossed with numerous arrowhead-shaped marks of black; tail ash-colour, freckled with reddish brown; bill black; irides dark hazel; legs very pale ash.

Female.—Similar in colour but less brilliant, and with the forehead, line over the eye and chin yellowish brown instead of white.

Total length, 9 inches; *bill*, $\frac{1}{2}$; *wing*, $4\frac{1}{2}$; *tail*, 3; *tarsi*, $1\frac{1}{4}$; *middle toe and nail*, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

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