

IXULUS FLAVICOLLIS, *Hodgs.*

Crested Ixulus.

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THOSE ornithologists who have studied the birds of India cannot have failed to remark that the southern slopes of the great Himalayan range of mountains are inhabited by a very peculiar avi-fauna, the temperate portion of these extensive hilly districts being tenanted by whole genera not found in the hotter contiguous plains. Generally speaking, the birds of these hilly regions are much more scarce in European collections than those from the peninsula; and had it not been for the energy of Mr. Hodgson, we should have known still less about them than we do. This gentleman, however, as well as others who have visited Nepaul, have done little more than collect specimens; for scarcely a word have they placed on record with regard to their habits and economy: thus all we are informed respecting the present species is that it inhabits Nepaul and Bhotan, frequents shrubby trees, and obtains its food among the leaves and flowers, rarely descending to the ground, and that there appears to be no difference in the outward appearance of the sexes.

Head and crest lively brown in some specimens, darker brown in others; nape reddish; lores, orbits, and a streak passing from the angle of the bill down the sides of the neck black; upper surface olive; wings and tails darker, the primaries with lighter margins; under surface white, washed with pale rufous on the abdomen flank, and vent; around the eye a narrow ring of white feathers; bill fleshy light brown below, darker above; legs and feet light olive-brown.

The figures are represented of the natural size, on the *Clematis barbellata*.