PARADOXORNIS UNICOLOR, *Hodgs.*

Long-tailed Paradoxornis.

Heteromorpha unicolor, Hodgs. Journ. Asiat. Soc. Beng. vol. xii. p. 448, with a figure.—Gray's Zool. Misc. p. 84.—Blyth, Journ. Asiat. Soc. Beng. vol. xiv. p. 578.

Paradoxornis unicolor, Hodgs. Cat. of Birds of Nepal, p. 111.—Gray and Mitch. Gen. of Birds, vol. iii. App. p. 18.—Bonap. Consp. Gen. Av. p. 500, *Paradoxornis*, sp. 3.—Moore, Cat. Birds Mus. East Ind. Comp.

Mr. Hodgson, who has contributed so largely to our knowledge of the ornithology of Nepaul, is the discoverer and describer of this new species of *Paradoxornis*, which he considered to be distinct from the type of the genus, and for which he therefore proposed the term *Heteromorpha*: it is true that the bill is not so deep, is less flattened on the sides, and has straighter tomiæ, and that the plumage is more lax and loose in its texture; still the bird, in its general aspect, in the form of its wing, and in its large feet, is truly a *Paradoxornis*; I am therefore induced to regard the differences above mentioned rather as specific than generic.

Mr. Hodgson states that it "inhabits the thick brushwood of the Cachâr of Nepaul; frequently alights on the ground, but seems to feed aloft on wood bugs and other hard tree-insects; occurs in small flocks, and is not noisy."

Judging from the other species, we may infer that there is no difference in the colouring of the sexes.

Specimens of this rare bird are contained in the collection at the British Museum and in that at the East India House.

All the upper surface, wings and tail rufous brown; the feathers of the forehead and face edged with grey; breast greyish brown, passing into pale rufous brown on the abdomen; under side of the shafts of the tail-feathers yellowish; bill orange-yellow; feet greenish.

The figures are of the natural size.