# SUTHORA BRUNNEA, *Anderson.*

## Anderson's Suthora.

*Suthora brunnea*, Anderson, P. Z. S. 1871, p. 211.—Swinhoe, *l. c.* p. 373.

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The genus *Suthora* may be divided into two very distinct sections, in the first of which may be placed all those whose plumage is particoloured and their chins black; while the second section would contain those of more uniform plumage, with the throat and chest of the same colour. I have already in the present work, figured two species of the genus; and it will be seen that *S. nipalensis* belongs to the first, and *S. webbiana* to the second section mentioned above. The bird which I now introduce to my readers is allied to the last-named species and to *S. alphonsiana* of Verreaux; but it differs from both in the absence of rufous on the wing, as well as in the vinaceous colouring of the ear-coverts and sides of the neck. In *S. alphonsiana* these parts are grey; and in *S. webbiana* they are pale fulvous brown, like the head. The home of the present bird is the province of Yun-nan in Western China. Here it was discovered by Dr. John Anderson, the energetic Director of the India Museum at Calcutta, who has most obligingly lent me one of the typical examples for the purpose of figuring in this work.

The following is a description of the bird:—

General colour of upper surface olive-brown; the wings and tail uniform, the primaries externally margined with fulvous; the head and neck bright chestnut, including the ear-coverts; cheeks and throat pale vinous; the feathers with tiny mesial streaks of rufous; the rest of the under surface pale fulvous washed with olive on the flanks; under wing-coverts buffy-white; the edge of the wing conspicuously fulvous, the inner lining of the quills pale brown, edged with fulvous along the inner web, and rather inclining to rufous on the secondaries. Total length 5 inches, culmen 0·35, wing 2·0, tail 2·6, tarsus 0·75.

The figures in the Plate are of the size of life.