ACTINODURA RAMSAYI.

Ramsay's Barwing.

Actinura ramsayi, Wald. Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. ser. 4, xv. p. 402 (1875).—Hume, Stray Feathers, iii. p. 404 (1875).—Wardlaw Ramsay, Ibis, 1877, p. 464, pl. xiii.—id. Orn. Works of Marquis of Tweeddale, p. 415.

Actinodura ramsayi, Hume, Stray Feathers, 1879, p. 97.

Ramsay's Barwing was discovered by the gentleman after whom it is named, in the hills of Karen-nee, in Burmah, at a place called Kyai-pho-gyee. He states that he found it frequenting the jungle-covered mountain-streams in the open country of Karen-nee, at an elevation of about 3000 feet, but he did not subsequently meet with it.

The species is a very distinct one, easily recognizable by its ochraceous coloration; and I add herewith the original description given by the late Marquis of Tweeddale.

"Under surface from chin to vent clear ochreous buff, somewhat darker on the chin and throat; upper surface cinereous olive; forehead almost ferruginous; crown and crest, with the nape, like the back, but tinged with ferruginous; most of the dorsal feathers traversed by faint, yet distinct, narrow dark brown bands or lines, which on the upper tail-coverts are more closely set together and very conspicuous; lores and cheeks dark brown, almost black; sides of the head behind the eyes and some of the lateral crest-plumes ashy, without any ferruginous tinge; eyelids white; primaries narrowly barred with black on their outer webs up to their insertion, also the minor coverts; all the rectrices olive-brown, like the tertiaries, and distinctly barred with numerous well-defined narrow black bands; all but middle pair broadly tipped with white; under tail-coverts and flanks somewhat darker than remainder of under surface. Wing 3·50 inches, tarsus 1·12, tail 5; bill from forehead 0·87."

Captain Wardlaw Ramsay has given the soft parts of the species as follows:—"Iris light hair-brown, bill horny brown, legs slaty brown."

In the Plate I have given a life-sized illustration of the male and female, drawn from the typical pair lent to me by Captain Wardlaw Ramsay.