PSALTRIA? LEUCOGENYS.

Afghan Tit.

Parus leucogenys, Moore in Proc. of Zool. Soc. 1854, p.

Orites leucogenys, Horsf. Cat. of Birds in Mus. East Ind. Comp., vol. i. p. 374.

Two examples of this Tit, the only specimens I have seen, grace the collection of the Honourable East India Company; they were procured by Mr. W. Griffith in Afghanistan. It departs in some slight degree from the typical species of the form with which I have associated it, in having a somewhat more squarely-formed tail, and a more thick and lax plumage; still, the structure of its bill and feet clearly indicate, in my opinion, that it is more nearly allied to the members of the genus *Psaltria* than to those of any other.

From Dr. Horsfield's "Catalogue of the Birds in the Museum of the East India Company," I learn that, according to Mr. Griffith's MS. notes, it is "found in pairs in the woods above Balu Chughur, at four thousand feet elevation;" and this is all that has yet been recorded respecting it.

Forehead and crown obscure reddish-brown; lores, a broad streak passing over the eye to the occiput, chin and throat jet-black; cheeks, ear-coverts and sides of the neck creamy-white; upper surface brownish olive-grey, with a pinkish or buffy tinge on the rump; wings greyish-brown, margined with a silvery hue; spurious wing brownish-black; tail pale brown, becoming darker towards the tip, the outer feather margined and tipped with white, and the next on each side obliquely tipped with white; under surface vinous-brown; bill black; feet yellowish-brown.

The figures are of the natural size.