

HALMATURUS BRACHYURUS.

Short-tailed Wallaby.

HEAD, ARMS, HIND FOOT, AND TAIL, OF THE SIZE OF NATURE.

THE most remarkable feature in the zoology of Australia is, undoubtedly, the great number of the Kangaroos, and the diversity of their characters, some being conspicuous for their great size, others for their banded or crescentic markings, and others again for their sombre hues and their diminutive sizes. Of that section of the family to which the generic appellation of *Halmaturus* has been assigned, the Short-tailed Wallaby is the smallest. Its nearest ally is the *H. Billardieri*, to which it assimilates not only in the shortness of its ears and the shaggy character of its fur, but in its still more sombre hues, which latter feature indicates that it dwells among grassy and dense herbage, in swampy and humid situations.

The *H. brachyurus* is a native of Western Australia, the *H. Thetidis* of New South Wales, and the *H. Billardieri* of islands of Tasmania and Bass's Straits; and thus we find these little Wallabys distributed along the whole of the south coast, from east to west. The exact localities frequented by these animals will be found in the pages accompanying the entire representations of each of them.