

HALMATURUS STIGMATICUS, *Gould.*

Branded Wallaby.

HEAD AND FORE QUARTERS, OF THE SIZE OF NATURE.

It will be seen that this new species has the facial aspect of the *Halmaturus Thetidis* and *H. Billardieri*; and it does, in fact, belong to the same section as those Brush Kangaroos, but, as a species, it is doubtless quite distinct. In size it exceeds both the above-mentioned animals, and differs, in its rich red colouring, from all the other members of the genus. At present only a single specimen has reached this country: its capture was effected under somewhat singular circumstances, and tends to prove the probability that other species of this great group of Marsupials will yet be discovered when the naturalist has an opportunity of exploring the extensive forests of the north-eastern coast of Australia, which at present is impossible, or not to be done without great risk of encountering the treacherous aborigines.

Full details respecting this species will be found in the letter-press accompanying the following Illustration, on a reduced scale, of the entire animal.