

## HALMATURUS THETIDIS, *F. Cuv. et Geoff.*

### Pademelon Wallaby.

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#### HEAD AND FORE PARTS, OF THE SIZE OF NATURE.

THE accompanying life-sized head represents the common Pademelon of the colonists, a shy and timid creature, which bounds away on the least disturbance. It runs in the same brushes with the *H. Ualabatus* and *H. Parma*; and every extensive district of this kind, from Illawarra to the Clarence, was tenanted by great numbers of it at the period of my visit to New South Wales. Its flesh is good, and is frequently eaten by the settlers and the aborigines. Considerable difference occurs in the colouring of this animal,—specimens obtained in one locality having the red hue of the neck predominating over the brown, while in those from another the contrary is the case.

The front figure represents a moderate-sized adult male, of the size of life, while the distant figure of the female is a trifle less. A more lengthened description, and reduced figures of the entire animal, will be found on the next Plate and page.