

OSPHRANTER? PARRYI.

Parry's Wallaroo.

LIFE-SIZED HEAD AND FORE-ARMS OF BOTH SEXES.

IF this be the least of the Wallaroos, it is one of the most elegant and chastely coloured species yet discovered. The rocky districts of the eastern portion of New South Wales are its true, and probably its restricted habitat; there it dwells among the precipitous rocks and sterile crowns of the mountains, feeding upon the vegetation peculiar to such situations. In most instances the Osphrantes differ considerably in the colouring of the male and female, but in the *O. Parryi* this feature is less conspicuous than in its congeners. The more diminutive size of this species enables me to figure not only the head, but also a considerable portion of the fore quarters, of the size of life. On reference to the Plate, it will be seen that, as with the other members of the genus, there is much difference in the size of the sexes. Its muzzle, like that of *O. rufus*, is more hairy than that of *O. robustus* or *O. antilopinus*.

Like some of the larger Kangaroos, this fine animal requires protection, otherwise it will be speedily extirpated; its extreme agility among the rocks, and the sterile nature of the districts it frequents, will, however, tend somewhat to its preservation.

For a history of the species the reader is referred to the succeeding page.

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Hullmandel & Walter, imp.