PHASCOLARCTOS CINEREUS.

Koala.

HEAD AND FORE LEG, OF THE SIZE OF LIFE.

LIKE the *Ornithorhynchus*, this remarkable creature is only found in the south-eastern portion of the great land of the South. It is in the brushes which skirt the sea side of the mountain-ranges between the district of Illawarra and the River Clarence that it is most numerous; here, among the leafy branches of the great trees, the Koala remains sleeping during the daytime; but at nightfall this lethargy gives place to more active habits, and it then moves about with agility in search of its natural diet, which is said to be the tender buds and shoots of the *Eucalypti*.

Like too many others of the larger Australian mammals, this species is certain to become gradually more scarce, and to be ultimately extirpated; I have not hesitated, therefore, to give a life-sized head, as well as reduced figures, which, with a full account of the economy of the animal, will be found to follow the present page.