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Genus BATRACHOSTOMUS, *Gould.*

CHARACTERES GENERICI.

Rostrum *latius, ac magis depressum quam in genere* Podargus *dicto, (cui generi hoc approximat) culmine minùs carinato.* Nares *tubulares, transversìm positæ et penicillis tectæ. Oculi supernè cute nudâ latè marginati, et cristulis plumosis, alterâ superciliari, alterâ infra-oculari, posticè spectantibus instructi.* Alæ *quam in* Podargo *longiores, remigibus quarto, quinto, sexto et septimo longissimis et inter se ferè æqualibus.* Cauda *mediocris et rotundata.* Tarsi *digitique non tantum breviores sed debiliores quam in* Podargo; *tarsi anticè per dimidium plumosi.*

BATRACHOSTOMUS AURITUS.

MAS. *Batr. capite dorsoque superiore castaneis, lineis, guttisque irregularibus cervinis, fuscisque, ornatis; torque nuchali cervino; tectricibus alæ saturatè castaneis, nigro, notisque triangularibus stramineis ornatis; primariis saturatè fuscis, rufo irregularitèr fasciatis apicibus rufis; scapularibus rufescentibus, singulis plumis nigro ad apicem guttatis; secondariis caudâque rufo-castaneis, lineis pallidioribus nigrescente marginatis, fasciatis; fasciis caudæ nigro adspersis; dorso imo fusco, rufo nigroque fasciato, cristulâ superciliari fusco, stramineoque pictâ; cristulâ infra-oculari rufescente, plumarum marginibus externis stramineis; gulâ pectoreque rufo-fuscis, illâ, colore pallidiore, necnon nigro, fasciatâ; hôc stramineo fasciato; abdomine cervino, colore pallidiore fasciato, plumis nonnullis nigro ad apicem guttatis; rostro ad basin flavo, ad apicem rufo-fusco; pedibus aurantiacis.*

FŒM. VEL MAS JUN. *Differt solummodò plumis plus griseo lavatis, præcipuè scapularibus, torque nuchali pallidiore, plumarum apicibus cervinis nigro irregularitèr cinctis.*

Long. tot. 16 *unc.*; *rostri* ab angulo oris ad apicem, $2\frac{1}{2}$, latitudo, $2\frac{3}{8}$; *alæ*, $11\frac{1}{4}$; *caudæ*, $8\frac{1}{2}$; *tarsi*, $\frac{7}{8}$.

MALE. Head, and upper part of the back chestnut brown, each feather crossed by several irregular, reddish cream-coloured bars, which are bounded on each side with narrow lines of dark brown, the intermediate spaces being sprinkled with the same colour; feathers of the back of the neck largely tipped with reddish cream colour, forming a broad crescent round the back of the neck; wing coverts dark chestnut brown, irregularly rayed with black, each feather terminated with a triangular, cream-coloured mark, which is bounded on each of its upper sides with a patch of black, the extremity of each of these feathers having a spatulate recurved form; primaries dark brown, passing into reddish brown at the tip, and crossed by irregular bars of the reddish brown, which latter colour, especially on the inner webs, is sprinkled with blackish brown; scapularies the same, but with rufous tint pervading the whole, and each feather with a circular spot of black at the extremity of the stem; secondaries and tail reddish chestnut, each feather crossed by broad bars of a lighter tint, which are bounded on each side with a line of blackish brown, and those on the tail sprinkled with the same colour; lower part of the back dark brown, crossed by bars of reddish brown, which are bounded with black; tuft above the eye mottled brown and cream colour, that beneath the eye reddish brown with the outer webs cream colour; throat and chest rufous brown, the former crossed by indistinct bars of a lighter tint and black, and the latter by bars of cream colour which assume a spatulate form on the tips of some of the feathers, and give a spotted appearance to this part; the remainder of the under surface pale reddish fawn, crossed with indistinct bars of a still lighter tint, some of the feathers having a small spot of black near the tip; bill yellow at the base, passing into reddish brown at the tip; feet orange yellow.

FEMALE OR YOUNG MALE. Less in size; similar in the character of its colouring, but the whole of the upper and under surface strongly tinged with grey, especially on the scapularies; the nuchal collar much paler, with the cream-coloured tips of the feathers bounded both above and below with a broad irregular line of black.

Podargus auritus, App. to Mem. of Sir T. S. Raffles, p. 652. Vig. & Horsf. in Griffith's Transl. of Cuv. An. Kingd., vol. 2. Pl. IV. p. 114.

WE are indebted to the researches of the late Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles for our knowledge of this very singular species. It is a native of Sumatra, Malacca, &c., and was first described in the Appendix to Lady Raffles' Memoir of her distinguished husband; but nothing whatever is known as to its habits or economy.

The figures are of the natural size.