Genus LYNCORNIS, Gould.

CHARACTERES GENERICI.

Caput penicillis elongatis (quasi auribus) instructum. Rostrum depressum et perdebile; rictu amplissimo, infra oculos tendente, setisque carente; naribus basalibus rotundatis, plumisque frontis obtectis. Alæ perlongæ, primariis rigidis, remige secundo longissimo. Cauda mediocris, æqualis, et, (sicut alæ,) notâ albâ carens. Tarsi breves, robusti, anticè, plumis ex parte, tecti. Digiti breves, ad basin membranâ conjuncti, laterales æquales; intermedii unguis pectinatus.

LYNCORNIS CERVINICEPS, Gould.

Lync. vertice pallidè cervino, minutè nigro fasciato, plumis nonnullis notis nigris in medio ornatis; genis, plumisque auricularibus castaneis, nigro crebrè adspersis; penicillis capitis nigris; gulà pectoreque nigrescenti-fuscis; lineà albà inter
has partes dividente, dilutiore ad nucham, et in cervinum transeunte; abdomine cervino, plumis ad basin nigris; dorso
alisque, cervino, castaneo, nigroque variegatis; primariis nigrescenti-fuscis, castaneo interruptè fasciatis; caudà nigrescenti-fuscà, cervino adspersà, et interruptè, et latè fasciatà.

Long. tot. $23\frac{1}{2}$ unc.; rostri, $1\frac{5}{8}$; alæ, 12; caudæ, $7\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $\frac{3}{4}$.

Crown of the head light buff, minutely barred with black, several of the feathers having central spots of the same colour; sides of the face and ear-coverts chestnut, largely freckled with black; egrets black; throat and chest blackish brown, with a line of white dividing the chest and throat, and expanding upon the back of the neck, where it deepens into fawn colour; abdomen and under-surface buff, with the basal portion of each feather black; back and wings mottled with buff, chestnut, and black, the buff predominating along the scapularies and down the centre of the wing; primaries blackish brown, with interrupted bands of chestnut; tail blackish brown, with four or five broad, irregular bands of buff, the black interspaces marbled with buff; bill and feet brown.

Lyncornis cerviniceps, Gould, in Proc. of Zool. Soc. Part VI. 1838.

I have never seen more than a single specimen of this truly beautiful Goat-sucker; and this I received seven years ago; it was said to be a native of China or the adjacent islands. I have selected it as the type of the genus Lyncornis, a minor group among the Caprimulgidæ, conspicuous for their large eyes, lengthened egrets, and great powers of flight. The analogy of this group to that of the horned owls is too palpable to escape observation; the irides of the members of this genus will in all probability prove to be either yellow or hazel. The species described above is in the collection of the Zoological Society.

The figure is of the natural size.