Genus SEMEÏOPHORUS, Gould.

CHARACTERES GENERICI.

Characteres ut in genere Macrodipteryx dicto, nisi quod remiges sextus, septimus, et octavus gradatim elongati fiunt, usque ad nonum, qui his, sicut vexillum, præstat, barbasque fert per totam longitudinem.

SEMEÏOPHORUS (MACRODIPTERYX?) VEXILLARIUS, Gould.

Semeioph. capite, alarum tectricibus, dorso, scapularibusque longioribus nigris, cervino, rufoque adspersis; nuchâ, torque, castaneo ornatâ; scapularibus brevioribus nigrescenti-fuscis rufo irroratis, et extùs cervino late marginatis; alis nigrescenti-fuscis, primariis et ad basin, et apicem, secondariisque ad apicem albis; caudâ nigrescente, fusco, et cervino, necnon fasciis irregularibus nigris ornatâ; mento cinereo, et fusco, picto; gulâ sagittam albam ferente; pectore rufo, fuscoque ornato; abdomine cinerescenti-albo, fasciis nigrescentibus angustis crebrè notato; rostro pedibusque brunneis.

Long. tot. 10 unc.; rostri, 1; alæ, 28; caudæ, $5\frac{5}{8}$; tarsi, 1.

Head, wing-coverts, back, and the longest of the scapularies black, mottled with buff and rufous; round the back of the neck an irregular collar of reddish chestnut; shortest of the scapularies brownish black sprinkled with rufous, and with a broad stripe of buff along their outer margin; wings blackish brown, the base and tips of the primaries and the tips of the secondaries white; tail mottled blackish brown and reddish buff, crossed by large blotches of blackish brown, forming a series of irregular bars; chin mottled grey and brown; in the centre of the throat an arrow-head-shaped mark of pure white; remainder of the throat and chest mottled rufous and dark brown; abdomen greyish white, crossed by numerous narrow bars of brownish black, fading off into greyish white without bars on the vent and under tail-coverts; bill and feet light brown.

Semeïophorus (Macrodipteryx?) vexillarius, Gould, in Proc. of Zool. Soc. Part VI. 1838.

The general structure of this species is precisely the same as that of the *Macrodipteryx Africanus*, Swains. and it doubtless represents that bird on the opposite side of the African continent; still, as the form of the wing is very different, I have ventured to propose for it a separate generic station, leaving future research to prove whether I have taken a correct view of the subject.

Little is known respecting this singular species further than that it inhabits the islands lying between those of Bourbon and Madagascar; that it is numerous on the shores of the Red Sea and in the Island of Scutra. The figure is of the natural size.