Genus **AMBLYPTERUS**, *Gould.*

Characteres Generici.

Rostrum *debile et elongatum.* Nares *elevatæ et rotundatæ.* Rictus *setis robustis instructus, rostro longioribus.* Alæ *truncatæ ; remigibus externis sextis ferè æqualibus et falcatis ; remigibus secundo, tertio, quarto ad externum pogonium emarginatis, septimo, octavo, nono ad apices elongatis et attenuatis, decimo abruptè brevi ; secondariis brevissimis, rotundatis, tertiariisque elongatis, conditis.* Cauda *brevissima et quadrata.* Pedes *ambulatorii.* Tarsi *elongati, graciles, squamis indistinctis anticè et posticè fasciati ; digito intermedio longissimo et gracillimo ; digitis lateralibus brevibus et æqualibus ; digito postico parvo, debili et libero ; unguibus elongatis, ungue medio pectinato.*

AMBLYPTERUS ANOMALUS, *Gould.*

Amb. summo capite, corpore suprà, et alis cinereo-fuscis, singulis plumis nigro irregularitèr sparsis et maculatis ; primariis nigris, ad bases rubrescenti-cervinis, ad apices albis ; secondariis cervinis, nigrescenti-fusco irregularitèr fasciatis ; rectricibus caudæ cervinis, nigrescenti-fusco irregulariter fasciatis et maculatis ; duabus centralibus cinereo-fuscis ; gutture, pectore, et abdomine ad partem superiorem nigrescenti-fuscis, singulis plumis cervino maculatis ; abdomine imo pallidè cervino, singulis plumis nigrescenti-fusco transversìm fasciatis ; rostro fusco ; pedibus pallidè fuscis.

Long. tot. $6\frac{3}{4}$ *unc.* ; *rostri*, 1 ; *alæ*, $5\frac{3}{4}$; *caudæ*, 3 ; *tarsi*, $\frac{7}{8}$.

A pale fawn-coloured stripe from the nostrils over each eye ; crown of the head, back, and wings greyish brown ; the centre of each feather irregularly dashed and spotted with black ; primaries black, with the basal portion reddish fawn colour, and the tips white ; secondaries fawn colour, irregularly barred with blackish brown, the tips being paler ; two centre tail-feathers greyish brown, irregularly barred and speckled with blackish brown ; the remainder of the feathers fawn colour, irregularly barred with blackish brown, and speckled on the intermediate spaces with the same colour, the whole largely tipped with light fawn ; throat, chest, and upper part of the abdomen blackish brown, each feather on the chest having a longitudinal stripe of fawn down the centre, the whole minutely speckled with fawn ; lower part of the abdomen light fawn colour, each feather transversely barred with blackish brown ; bill brown ; feet light brown.

Amblypterus anomalus, Gould, in Proc. of Zool. Soc. Part V. 1837, p. 105.

A single specimen of this truly anomalous Goat-sucker forms part of the collection of the British Museum ; it is the only one I have ever seen, and is, I believe, entirely new to science.

The only information I have been able to obtain respecting it is, that Mr. J. E. Gray purchased the specimen above mentioned from a collection of skins at Liverpool, which were said to be from Demerara.

The figure is of the natural size.