TAB. LV.

POMATORHINUS ERYTHROGENYS.

Pom. cinerescenti-brunneus, subtùs albescens; fronte, capitis colli abdominisque lateribus, crissoque rufis; caudâ fusco obscurè fasciatâ; rostro pedibusque pallidis.

Longitudo *corporis*, 11 unc.

THE present bird exhibits a typical example of the genus *Pomatorhinus*, which, until lately, had been restricted to a very limited number of species confined to Java and New Holland. Our researches, however, in India within the last few years have made us acquainted with three additional species;—one, which we have seen, from the Burmese empire, as yet undescribed; another brought from the Dukhun by Colonel W. H. Sykes; and the third that which is figured in the present Plate.

The locality of this interesting species is far from being limited, as it appears to be equally dispersed over the whole of the mountainous regions of India. Much yet remains to be discovered respecting the habits and manners of this remarkable group, as it unfortunately happens that those who have had the best opportunities for observation in their native habitat have altogether overlooked them.

The top of the head and the general surface of the body and wings are greyish brown; the forehead, ear-coverts, sides of the neck, flanks, and under tail-coverts are rufous; the tail obscurely barred with lines of a darker grey than the general plumage; the throat and under parts white; the beak and tarsi light brown.

The bird is figured of the natural size.