TAB. LIV.

CUCULUS HIMALAYANUS.

Cuc. corpore suprà rufo, fusco fasciato; subtùs albo, nigro fasciato, pectore rufo tincto; remigibus rectricibusque fuscis, illis externè rufo, internè albo maculatis, his duabus mediis rufo obliquè fasciato, cœteris albo, rufo variegato, maculatis.

Longitudo *corporis*, 11 unc.

AMONG the many new species which formed the collection, we observe with much satisfaction this very elegant example of the genus *Cuculus*, which appears to be confined to the wooded range of the mountains. In colour and the arrangement of its markings it bears no distant resemblance to the immature plumage of our well-known British Cookoo, which undergoes successive variations till it attains maturity. We are, however, inclined to believe, notwithstanding this similarity of plumage, that the present bird is fully adult; an opinion which we think countenanced by the glossiness of the feathers, and the decided character of their markings, no signs of anything like a progressive change being at all indicated.

The *Cuculus Himalayanus* is among the smallest of the genus. No information has been received respecting its habits. We have not ourselves seen any other example of this beautiful bird than the one in the Museum of the Zoological Society from which the figure was taken.

The general ground colour of the upper parts is rufous, elegantly barred with dark grey; the sides of the chest rufous; the under parts are white barred with black; the bill is black; the tarsi light yellow.

The figure is of the natural size.