Tab. LII.

PICUS BRUNNIFRONS.

Mas. *Pic. capite suprà aureo; occipite, abdomine imo, crissoque coccineis; colli parte posteriori et strigâ utrinque laterali, corporeque suprà nigris; colli parte frontali et lateribus, corporeque infrà albis, hoc nigro striato; scapularibus, pteromatibus, remigibus, rectricibusque lateralibus albo-maculatis; dorso medio griseo, albo nigroque fasciato.*

Fœm. *Sine notâ coccineâ occipitali.*

Statura *Pic. medii.*

This is a very interesting species as well from its having been unknown to the cabinets of Ornithology until the present specimen was received, as from the general similarity of the colouring of its plumage to that of the Spotted Woodpecker of Europe; from which bird it chiefly differs by the male having the crown of the head and nape of an orange colour in lieu of red. Fortunately specimens of each of the sexes have been received, and both are figured, the upper figure representing the female. The *Picus brunnifrons* is strictly confined to the hilly districts of India, and its habits may be considered as closely analogous to those of its genus in general.

The forehead is brown; the occiput golden, merging into bright scarlet; the cheeks and throat are dull white, with obscure marks of brown; a black line beginning at the base of the bill passes along the sides of the neck to the shoulders; the upper surface is black with transverse bars of white; the four middle tail-feathers wholly black, the rest barred; the under surface is dirty white with longitudinal streaks of black; the under tail-coverts tinged with scarlet; the bill and tarsi brown; length 8 inches.

The female resembles the male, except that the yellow of the occiput is dull, and does not merge into scarlet.