Tab. XXXVIII.

GARRULUS BISPECULARIS.

Garr. pallidè badius, uropygio crissoque albis; maculâ latâ postrictali, caudâ, pteromatibus, remigibusque atris; his duabus cœruleo fasciatis.

Longitudo *corporis*, 12 unc.

This beautiful species of Jay, which exhibits all the typical characters of the genus, is exclusively confined, so far as our researches have hitherto extended, to the wooded line of the Himalayan chain. Its habits and manners are those of its race, of which our well-known British Jay is a familiar example. One of the greatest ornaments in the truly beautiful plumage of the Jays, is the barred speculum in the wing, where alternate stripes of light blue and black produce a chaste yet rich effect. In the present bird, this speculum is double; but the rest of the plumage is more uniform than in our native bird, consisting of a deep fawn colour covering the crest, head and back, becoming a little lighter over the whole of the under surface; a black band stretches downwards from the base of the beak, covering the cheeks and sides of the neck; on each shoulder is a speculum of alternate bars of blue and black; the greater coverts are jet black; the quills are black, slightly edged with grey; and a second speculum occupies a considerable portion of the secondaries, barred with broader stripes of blue and black, the blue passing off to white abruptly edged by the line of black; the upper tail-coverts are white; the tail and bill are black; the tarsi flesh colour.

The Plate represents the bird of its natural size.