TAB. XVII.

CINCLOSOMA ERYTHROCEPHALUM.

Cinclos. suprà cineraceum, subtùs pallidius, rubro leviter tinctum; nuchâ maculis atris semilunaribus grandibus, pectore gracilioribus notatis; gulâ notisque auricularibus nigris; capite notâque alarum castaneo-rufis.

Longitudo *corporis*, 9½ unc.

THE present species, which appears to be of equally frequent occurrence with the last, is also peculiar to the Himalayan range. We are informed by Mr. Shore, to whose MS. we are indebted for our information respecting the habits of this bird, that it is by no means uncommon in the district called *Kumoun*; where it frequents shady ravines, building in hollows in their precipitous sides, and making its nest of small sticks and fine grasses, the eggs being four in number, of a sky blue.

As might be expected from its affinity to the *Thrushes* in general, the sexes present little or no difference of plumage; the feathers at the back of the head of the male, however, appear to be elongated in a trifling degree. The whole of the upper part is cinereous olive: the top of the head, the occiput, and a spot on the shoulders are dark rufous; the throat is black; the neck marked with large black semilunar dots, which extend round to the breast, where they become smaller and more diffused; the under surface is pale grey with a tinge of red; the beak black; the tarsi horn-brown.

The Plate represents the species of the natural size.