

Form. Bill short and wholly arched; nares small, round, with a swollen softish tect, and hid, as well as nearly the whole bill by bristles; disc small and imperfect; but larger than in *Noctua*; conch of ears $\frac{2}{3}$ of an inch long, very small, oval, simple, protected by a double cross row of setaceous plumes; egrets distinct and rather large; tarsi medial, plumed; toes longish, the inner and central fores sub-equal, all quite nude, reticulate with 3 or 4 scales next each talon; talons sub-equal, acute, the inner fore subpectinated or subcultrated below; grasp of the foot oblique; tail medial, soft, square, not bowed; wings longish, reaching within $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of the end of the tail; 4th quill usually longest; 3 first moderately and sub-equally gradated up to it; scapulars and tertials long; most of the prime quills emarginated remotely from the tips, and their edges frayed or discomposed, but the first only distinctly pectinated; plumage characteristically soft, (a strong distinction as compared with *Noctua*); eye and head larger than in *Noctua*; lives in the interior of woods.

Habits nocturnal. *Colour and Size:* Above, with the whole head and neck, golden red, narrowly striped with black down the shafts of the plumes. Below, white, touched irregularly with the colour of the upper parts, and finely herring-boned with black; disc between the eye and bill often white, and its soft outer zone nearly black; outer edge of the scapulars, white with black lunules; quills and tail quadricinctate; the bands mottled and blackish; bill dusky; legs obscure fleshy grey, iris straw colour; $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 inches long by 18 to 19 wide. Weight $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 oz.; sexes alike; young, duller hued and vaguely marked.

Species 2d. *LETTIA, nobis.* The *Lattya Cusyal* of Nèpál.

Form and Size. As in the last and habits the same. *Colour.* Above a tawny medial brown, striped lengthwise, blotched and vermiculated ad infinitum with black; below rufous yellow, or resuscent white, herring-boned with blackish; tarsi transversely lunated or barred with the same; quills and tail with 6 to 8 mottled bands of buff upon a brown ground, or of brown upon a buff one; disc hoary or buff, vaguely lineated in circles with brown; egrets rather smaller than in the last, black variegated with buff;

legs fleshy grey ; bill blueish horn, iris variable, yellow in the young, brown in the old birds ; sexes alike. Habitat central and northern hills.

P. S. All the above species have the inner edge of the central talon produced like a comb, but without teeth. The mark is obviously too general to be significant except in *Strix* where it is toothed.

27th August.

VII.—TWO NEW SPECIES OF THE PARROT TRIBE.

PALEORNINA, Vigors *Genus*. PALÆORNIS? *Species* new ; NIPALENSIS, nobis.

Form. Bill large, very conspicuously arched along the ridge, at base much higher than long, moderately compressed with subconvex sides and broad round back. Tomial line of maxilla, untoothed and unfeathered : hook crenulated within. Mandibula rather short ; its tomial line unnotched and straight ; its tips strongly bent up and squared.

Cere, very small, entire, and, with the round nares, almost or quite hid. Wings long ; 2nd longest ; 3rd plus the first ; all three narrowed and sharpened towards their points. Tail very long, typical ; the two central plumes $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 inches plus the rest. Feet as in *Palæornis*. Orbits plumose.

Colour and Size. Very brilliant green, somewhat shaded with verditer blue on the nape, belly and lining of the wings. Tail paler than the body and shaded externally with yellow ; below, and the tips and inner vanes, yellow ; throat and a broad half collar, black ; the collar completed dorsally with rosy red ; a large longitudinal bar of sanguine lake color down the shoulders, just outside of the scapulars : bill intense coral red ; iris pale straw ; legs greenish grey ; talons dusky, size large, 22 inches long by 26 wide, and 9 to 10 oz. in weight.

Female rather less, and without any red mark on the wing. Young, at first, wholly green with a yellowish bill. Inhabits the Saul Forest exclusively, and is not known to the Parrot-tamers.