

inner web; bill yellowish white; feet apparently yellow in life. Total length 10 inches, wing 7.3, tail 4, tarsus 1.45.

*Hab.* Bouru.

a. ♂ ad. sk. Bouru. A. R. Wallace, Esq. [C.]. Type of species.

*Obs.* *Scops bouruensis* is distinguished at once from *S. leucospilus* by its distinctly mottled forehead, which is largely spotted with white, and by its having the sides of the neck also whitish, mottled with black. The legs are more thickly feathered than in either *S. leucospilus* or *S. magicus*; the nape and hind neck are also mottled with white, forming two indistinct bands. This character goes far to indicate the position of the bird as intermediate between the *S.-magicus* group and *S. lettia* and allies. On the under surface the bird is very white, but the broad black centres give it a distinctive appearance.

Subsp. ♂. *Scops morotensis*. (Plate VII. fig. 1.)

*Ephialtes leucospilus* (pt.), *Wall. ut supra*.  
*Scops magicus* (pt.), *Schl. ut supra*.

*Adult.* Above dull brown, varied here and there with a few bars of black and sandy buff, these light bars a little more distinct on the hinder neck, but not sufficiently plain to form a collar; many of the dorsal feathers centred with black, but more especially those on the centre of the crown, which are black, with tiny lateral spots or notches of sandy rufous; the bases to the feathers on the sides of the crown pale sandy buff, but scarcely forming lateral stripes, the ear-tufts sandy buff on inner web, barred with brown, the outer web nearly uniform dark brown; the scapulars externally sandy buff, inclining to white, with a few narrow bars of dark brown, some of them barred with white and tipped with black; wing-coverts darker than the back, the least ones blackish brown, with a few bars and vermiculations of sandy buff, larger and paler on the outer web of the greater series, some of the latter broadly barred with fulvous and tipped with white on the outer web; primary coverts blackish brown, with a couple of sandy buff vermiculated bars near the tip; quills dark brown, almost uniform on the inner web, excepting at the tips, which are closely vermiculated with sandy buff, the outer webs also vermiculated with the same and barred with pale sandy buff, inclining to white on the outer web of the primaries, the innermost secondaries almost entirely sandy buff, paler and more rufous than the back, and mottled with black in the centres of the feathers; upper tail-coverts duller than the back and barred with blackish and sandy brown; tail dark brown, coarsely vermiculated with sandy buff on the edges of the feathers, which are likewise crossed with about nine bars of pale sandy colour, inclining to yellowish near the bases of the feathers, and to white on the margins of the outermost; loreal plumes and feathers in front of the eye white, narrowly margined with black at the tip, the shafts of the former black and produced to a great length; sides of face

and ear-coverts rufous sandy, indistinctly barred across with blackish, the hindermost tipped with black and merging in the ruff which runs down the sides of the head, the feathers composing which are yellowish tipped with black, becoming paler and more fulvescent on the throat, more narrowly tipped and scantily barred with black, the shaft-streaks being also of the latter colour; sides of neck exactly resembling the back, and descending somewhat on to the sides of the chest, which are plainly barred with sandy buff; the rest of the under surface sandy rufous, the feathers widely vermiculated with zigzag blackish lines, the centres to the chest-feathers very broadly black, with a few lateral bars of sandy buff or white; the abdominal plumes not so broadly streaked down the centre with black, but much more broadly notched and barred with white, which, however, never prevails to any great extent anywhere on the under surface, though the lower flanks are barred with white and sandy buff; under tail-coverts white, tinged with sand-colour near the tip, which has also some remains of blackish shaft-streaks; leg-feathers ochraceous, the tibial plumes barred and the tarsus streaked with dark brown; under wing-coverts yellowish white, as also the edge of the wing, the feathers adjoining the latter dark brown, mottled with sandy rufous, the lower series ashy brown, yellowish white at base, resembling the inner lining of the quills, which are ashy brown below, barred with yellowish white on the inner web. Total length 10.5 inches, wing 6.6, tail 3.8, tarsus 1.35.

*Hab.* Morty Island (Morotai).

<i>a.</i> Ad. sk.	Morty Island.	A. R. Wallace, Esq. [C.].
<i>b, c.</i> Ad. sk.	Molucca Islands.	Purchased.
<i>d.</i> Ad. sk.	Molucca Islands.	Purchased.

*Obs.* This is a very well-characterized Scops Owl. It is strictly of the same form and general coloration as *S. leucospilus*, but is a darker-looking bird, and is at once recognizable from that race by its buff-coloured ruff and ear-coverts, in these characters resembling true *S. magicus*. It is further like the latter bird in its rufescent under surface, on which there are very few white bars.

Subsp. *ε.* **Scops menadensis.** (Plate VIII. fig. 2.)

*Scops menadensis*, *Quoy et Gaim. Voy. de l'Astr.* i. p. 170, pl. 2. fig. 2; *Bp. Consp.* i. p. 47; *Kaup, Contr. Orn.* 1852, p. 112; *Strickl. Orn. Syn.* p. 202; *Schl. Mus. P.-B. Oti*, p. 20; *Gray, Hand-l. B.* i. p. 46; *Schl. Revue Accipitr.* p. 12.

*Ephialtes menadensis*, *Gray, Gen. B.* i. p. 38; *Wall. Ibis*, 1868, p. 25; *Wald. Tr. Z. S.* viii. p. 40.

*Pisorhina menadensis*, *Kaup, Isis*, 1848, p. 769; *Bp. Rev. et Mag. de Zool.* 1854, p. 543.

*Otus manadensis*, *Schl. Faun. Japon. Aves*, p. 26.

*Megascops menadensis*, *Kaup, Tr. Z. S.* iv. p. 230.

*Adult.* Above sandy brown, with numerous central streaks of black, more or less broken up into bars, each feather with conterminous fulvescent bars, deeper and more sandy rufous on the head, this giving



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1. *Scops morotensis.*  
2. .... *bouruensis.*