

but differs from it in having the toes always bare, instead of feathered along their upper surfaces as in that species.

Inhabits South China and Formosa.

*Ephialtes Hambroeki*, sp. nov.

A robust rufous little species, with very long feathery horns, and the bill nearly hidden by the long bristle-ending feathers of the lores. Wing much graduated, the fifth quill the longest; tail comparatively long, somewhat graduated. Tarsi bare just above the junction with the toes; toes covered with minute, oblong, prominent scales, except at the insertion of the claws, they are broad and transverse.

Upper parts, wings, and tail chestnut-brown, blotched and mottled with black on the head and hind neck. On the upper back the feathers are banded with reddish white, forming a distinct halter-mark across the shoulders, the white being succeeded by a border of black blotches. Some of the scapulars have their outer webs pure white; the carpal edge and a patch close to it also white. Under neck reddish white waved with black, with a few close-lying spots of the same forming a patch on each side. Sides of breast deep rufous mottled with black; flanks, vent, and tibiæ light rufous, finely mottled and occasionally streaked with brown; centre of belly pure white. Quills blackish brown on inner webs, chestnut-brown on outer, mottled with black and banded with rufous cream-colour. Tail deep rufous, banded and mottled with black.

Length about 7 inches; wing 5·8, the first primary falling 1·8 short of tip; tail 3·5.

This small owl, which really has closer affinity for the *Ephialtes-lempiji* (Horsf.) group than for *Ephialtes japonicus* (T. & S.), I mistook for the latter (see 'Ibis,' 1865, p. 348, and 1866, p. 307). It has occurred only in Formosa.

I name this species in remembrance of the celebrated Dutch missionary who was murdered by the pirate chief on the conquest of Formosa.

*Cuculus Michieanus*, sp. nov.

A large thick-billed cuckoo, to be at once distinguished by its upper parts being brown glossed on the mantle with purplish pink. Head and hind neck deep bluish grey; under neck lighter. Breast and belly cream-colour, banded with broad blackish-brown bars; a few bars also occur on the lower tail-coverts. Under wings marked with white as ordinary. Tail with a broad black subterminal bar, tipped with cream-colour.

Length about 13·5; wing 8·3; tail 6·75; bill, from forehead ·9, depth at base ·35.