

skin ; the tarsus is feathered a little beyond the knee and covered by octagonal scales.

DIMENSIONS.

Total length ..11½ inches.	Hallux.....	1½ inches.
Wing13 "	Bill from base..	1½ "
Tarsus..... 2¾ "	" gape..	1½ "
Middle toe..... 1½ "	Tail.....	8 "

Scops Malayanus—New Species.

It was not till after the strictest comparison had been drawn between this species and the *S. Aldrovandi* of Europe that I ventured to consider it as distinct. The grounds upon which I have separated the two species are these. First, the total absence of gray perceived in the plumage of *S. Aldrovandi*; secondly, the superior strength of bill and length of tarsus of that bird; thirdly, the distinct manner in which the under surface of the primaries are mottled, these differences I consider to be sufficient to warrant their separation, particularly as two species from Africa, *S. Capensis* and *S. Senegalensis* have been described and acknowledged as distinct—and also a species from Brazil, without possessing greater distinctions.

The present species was received from Malacca.

I shall now endeavour to point out the more prominent features in the plumage of the present bird. The under surface is distinctly divided into two equal portions ; the first including the chin, throat and breast, being wood-brown mottled with a little white, light rufous, and black, irregularly distributed ; the lower division including the belly, vent, thigh coverts, and under tail coverts, is white, speckled with deep brown and light rufous.

The ground of the upper surface is ferruginous wood-brown, closely speckled with black, and purest on the upper tail coverts ; four large white spots occur on each side of the

back, which when examined will be found to form only the outer webs of the feathers, to which they belong, the inner webs being like the rest of the dorsal plumage; each of these feathers is tipped with black; a little white occurs over each eye, and the cheeks are minutely speckled with white; the ears are bright rufous at the base, but resemble the dorsal plumage at the tips; the bristles which spring from the chin and nostrils are dirty white; the first quill has five rufous spots on its outer web, the second also has five spots, but the two nearest the tip only are rufous, the others being white; the spots on the three next quills are white, and those on the sixth are entirely rufous; the inner webs in *S. Aldrovandi* are barred, but these bars are wanting in the Malay *Scops*, light tawny blotches breaking only the hair brown colour of the quills; the tips of the quills however are faintly and minutely speckled; the third and fourth quills are equal and longest, the second and fifth are equal, and the first is shorter than any; the upper surface being but faintly barred, and hair brown.

The upper mandible of the bill is black, the under dirty yellow; in shape it closely resembles *S. Aldrovandi*, but is neither so high, nor so strong; the tarsus is not feathered as far down as in the European bird, the whole leg and foot is weaker, and the entire bird is smaller.

DIMENSIONS.

Wing.....	5	$\frac{6}{10}$	inches.
Tarsus.....	1	$\frac{8}{10}$	"
Tail.....	2	$\frac{8}{10}$	"

Buceros Violaceus, Wagler.

Lower portion of the breast, belly, vent, thigh coverts, tips of the quills, and tail, excepting the two middle feathers, white, the rest of the plumage glossy green black; first and