

Hab. Malayan peninsula, ranging northwards into Southern China*.

a. Ad. sk.	Malacca.	Hugh Cuming, Esq. [C.].
b. Ad. sk.	Malacca.	A. R. Wallace, Esq. [C.].
c. Ad. sk.	Singapore.	Earl of Ellenborough [P.].

Obs. This is a very well-marked form of the *Scops giu* group, and is by no means so very different in appearance from *S. capensis*; but it is chiefly remarkable for the ocellated appearance of the head and hind neck, the latter having very broad white bars, so as to form a striking contrast to the head and back; the ear-coverts are dusky as in *S. stictonotus*. The character of the under surface is peculiar, and has been well commented on by Lord Walden in his original description:—"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."

Considerable differences are exhibited in the three specimens possessed by the Museum, but they all agree in one character, viz. the large white spotting on the hind neck, which gives an ocellated appearance. Mr. Cuming's specimen is greyish like the one described, but is much more obscurely coloured below by reason of the numerous greyish vermiculations which crowd the belly; everywhere on the upper surface the vermiculations are rather finer. Mr. Wallace's bird is much more rufous, but shows the white ocellation on the hind neck, and is also a good deal clouded on the belly with cross lines.

Subsp. ζ. *Scops rufipennis*.

Scops pennatus, *Jerd. Madr. Journ.* xiii. pl. 2, p. 119.

Of the *Scops giu* group, and very closely allied to *S. malayanus*, and resembling it in the dusky grey ear-coverts, but distinguished by the absence of the white ocellations on the hind neck and of the bars on the centre tail-feathers, and more especially by its rufous quills. The following is a description of the type:—

Adult. General aspect of upper surface more uniform than is usual in species of this genus, being of a dusky greyish brown, the feathers being blackish in the centre, but scarcely to be called streaked, excepting on the fore part of the crown, where the black shafts are very broad and distinct, all the feathers of the upper surface so finely pencilled with dark brown as to appear almost uniform, with here and there a few sandy-coloured mottlings, more distinct on the head, to which they impart a slightly spotted appearance; the collar on the hind neck very indistinct, some of the feathers being barred with

* Lord Walden has a specimen from Fokien, procured by Mr. Swinhoe in Sept. 1866, which agrees with typical Malayan examples, and not with *S. stictonotus*.

fulvous, and crossed with narrow bars of blackish ; on the scapulars the blackish cross lines a little more coarsely defined than on the back, washed with orange-buff, and having the outer web pure white tipped with black, forming a conspicuous shoulder-patch ; wing-coverts greyish like the back, the vermiculations very faint and often obsolete on the greater series, which have rather large white spots on the outer web, the median coverts coarsely vermiculated with sandy buff, the feathers with blackish shaft-streaks, the least series rufous with obscure blackish cross vermiculations, the outermost of the greater series and the primary coverts strongly rufescent, almost chestnut in tone, the latter finely vermiculated with blackish ; innermost secondary quills coloured like the back, and finely vermiculated in the same manner, their centres streaked with dusky blackish along the shaft, the rest of the quills rufous, barred with dusky brown, these bars more or less vermiculated, the inner webs almost entirely dusky brown, barred with pale rufous inclining to yellowish on the inner web, the rufous bars on the outer web of the primaries inclining to white, and producing a somewhat chequered appearance ; upper tail-coverts exactly like the back, the centre tail-feathers likewise strongly resembling the upper surface, inasmuch as they are without any distinct trace of cross bars, the outer feathers dark brown, vermiculated with sandy rufous, and crossed with seven bars of rufous, the subterminal one very indistinct, and lost in the vermiculations at the tips, the light bars inclining to white on the outer edge of the external web ; loreal plumes whitish, the shafts black, and produced into long hair-like bristles ; feathers over the eye buffy white, tipped with blackish ; sides of face dusky grey, indistinctly varied with fine cross lines of dull brown ; behind the ear-coverts a tolerably distinct ruff of orange-buff feathers, broadly tipped with black, this ruff extending across the throat, but the feathers here finely barred with blackish ; chin-feathers dull white ; chest dull orange-buff, the feathers broadly centred with black and crossed with a few narrow zigzag lines of brown and vermiculated with the same at the tips, many of the feathers inclining to white ; on the breast and the rest of the lower parts the white predominates, many of the feathers only having a few zigzag markings of brown, on many of them a strong tinge of rufous with broad black central streaks ; some of the flank-feathers slightly washed with grey ; under tail-coverts almost entirely white, excepting an arrow-shaped mark of rufous or brown near the tip ; leg-feathers buffy white, the tarsus slightly streaked with brown ; under wing-coverts fulvous, those near the edge of the wing mottled with brown, the lower series ashy brown with yellowish white bases, the quills being also ashy brown below, but inclining to rufous near the tips, the bands being entirely of this colour, and fulvous only near the base of the inner webs. Total length 8 inches, wing 5.1, tail 2.7, tarsus 0.85.

Hab. Eastern Ghauts.

a. Ad. sk.

Madras : Eastern Ghauts.

Dr. Jerdon [C.].