

To the above account of a bird which I fancy is the largest known species of the family, I shall add a brief description of another, that I suspect is the least.

*Genus* NOCTUA. *Species new.* NOCTUA TUBIGER. Tube-nostrilled  
Noctua, mihi.

Coloured exactly like *N. Cuculoides*, but with a buff patch, inclosing a black triangle, on either side the neck: nostrils furnished with prominent tubes and opened laterally at the ends of them. Length  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches; breadth 11 to  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ; weight  $1\frac{3}{4}$  oz. Such is the distinct specific character of this singular little bird, which would scarcely form a mouthful for its noble congener, just described.

*Genus* NOCTUA. *Species new*; TARAYENSIS, nobis. *Tarai Noctua*, nobis.

Form and size as in the *Noctua Cuculloides*, of which species our bird is the palpable representative in its own region—the former being peculiar to the hills—the latter to the forest at their base. I notice this fact, because I have proof of the very same identity of form and size, with great diminution of intensity in the colour, in two species of *Accipiter*,\* which in like manner are exclusively confined to the lowlands and highlands respectively; the dark bird being, in this instance also the mountaineer.

*Colour.* Above earthy grey brown, each plume exhibiting two white spots disposed opposite each other and barwise. Below white broadly barred or cordated barwise, with pale ruddy brown. Tarsi immaculate, tail with 3 or 4, and wings with 5 or 6, white bars; disc white for the most part, confined by dark brown on the outer and soft zone; but the ear coverts distinctly barred transversely or vertically; iris straw yellow; feet obscure yellow; bill greenish horn.

*Genus* SCOPS of Savigny.† *Species new*; SUNIA or golden Scops, nobis. *Sunya Cusyal* of Nepal.

\* *Accipiter Scutarius* and *Accipiter Affinis*, nobis.

† Apud SHAW XIII. 51, for CUVIER gives no egrets to this group, and does not specify the naked toes.

*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  $\frac{3}{8}$  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 rufescent 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;