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which surround the eyes a more extent, and gives their physiognomy a more extraordinary appearance than in the other species.

*The Common White or Barn Owl.* (*St. flammea*, L.) Enl. 440; Frisch. 97; Wilson, O. A. t. 50, f. 2.

Appears to be spread all over the globe. Its back is clouded with yellow and ashy; a brown, prettily sprinkled with white dots, each dot inclosed between two black points; and the belly sometimes white, sometimes yellow, with or without brown sprinkling. It builds in towers and belfries; and it is this which the people consider especially as a bird of bad omen.

*The Strix Sylvestris, St. rufa, St. noctua, et St. alba* of Scopoli, and *St. Soloniensis* of Gmelin, and interlaced in his system, are too undetermined to be regarded but as varieties, and probably of this species.

*St. Javanica*, Gm. is the same; and, perhaps, the *Mouse Owl*, Lath. Hist. from New Holland.

*The Bay Owl.* *St. Badia*, Horsf. Zool. Java, t. pl. col. t. 318.

Bay, spotted with black; beneath pale; throat and chin white, with a brown collar; toes naked, rough, scaly. Length twelve inches. Java.

*Tuidara Owl, St. perlata*, Licht. not Vieil. *St. Tuidara*, n. *Tuidara*, Marcgr. *Effrayé*, Azzara, 46! Like *S. flammea*, but the legs are longer. Brazil.

*The SYRNI.* (SYRNIUM, *Savigny.*)

Have the disk of the fringed feathers and the little collar like the last; but the conch is reduced to an