

July 22, 1845.

Harpur Gamble, Esq., M.D., in the Chair.

Mr. Gould exhibited to the Meeting three new species of Birds from Australia:—

STRIX TENEBRICOSUS. *Str. disco faciali fuliginoso-griseo, circum oculos multo saturatiore; corpore superiore fusco-nigro purpureo splendente, singulis autem plumis macula alba ad apicem ornatis; alis caudaque ejusdem coloris sed pallidioribus; corpore inferiore fusco-nigro, stramineo lavato.*

Facial disk sooty grey, becoming much deeper round the eyes; upper surface brownish black, with purplish reflections and with a spot of white near the tip of each feather; wings and tail of the same hue, but paler; the feathers of a uniform tint, without bars; tail-feathers faintly freckled with narrow bars of white; under surface brownish black, washed with buff, and with the white marks much less decided; legs mottled brown and white; irides dark brown; bill horn-colour; feet yellowish.

Total length, 16 inches; bill, $1\frac{3}{4}$; wing, 12; tail, $5\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, 3.

Hab. The brushes of the river Clarence, in New South Wales.

COLLURICINCLA RUFOGASTER. *Col. omni corpore superiore, alis, caudaque olivaceo-brunneis; gula pallide stramineo-alba fusco-striata; corpore inferiore ferrugineo-rufo.*

All the upper surface, wings and tail olive-brown, with the exception of the inner webs of the primaries, which are dark brown; throat pale buffy white, streaked with brown; all the under surface rusty red; irides black; bill and feet fleshy-brown.

Total length, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill, $1\frac{1}{2}$; wing, $3\frac{3}{4}$; tail, $3\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. The brushes of the Clarence River, in New South Wales.

DONACOLA FLAVIPRYMNA. *Don. capite cervino; dorso alisque castaneo-brunneis; corpore inferiore stramineo; tectricibus caudae superioribus cerinis; tectricibus caudae inferioribus nigris.*

Head pale fawn colour; back and wings light chestnut-brown; under surface buff; upper tail-coverts wax-yellow; under tail-coverts black; tail brown.

Total length, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill, $\frac{1}{2}$; wing, $2\frac{1}{4}$; tail, $1\frac{3}{4}$; tarsi, $\frac{3}{4}$.

Hab. The north coast of Australia.

Prof. Owen communicated his observations on the living *Echidna* exhibited at the Menagerie of the Society in May 1845. The animal when received at the Gardens was active and apparently in sound health. It was placed in a large but shallow box, with a deep layer