

respect to the Strigine birds. CUVIER regarded these birds as constituting but one genus. VIGORS raised this genus to the rank of a family, advancing CUVIER's subgenera to genera. But VIGORS left CUVIER's character as he found them,—whether wisely or not, I shall not presume to say. I suspect, however, that, as species multiply and become accurately known, resort will be had to characters analogous to those by which the Diurnal Raptores (to go no further) are generically distinguished, if not from a sense of the superficialness of the old characters, yet from a want of determinate new ones. It is surely reasonable to distinguish all the *Raptores* upon similar principles; and, as the external construction of the Strigine birds certainly renders this quite practicable, so, I believe, that the analogies thus necessarily suggested to the student between them and the Falconidæ, would tend to the higher uses of the science.

First species: *C. Flavipes*, yellow-footed Cultrunguis, Mihi. Head, neck and body below, bright rusty, each plume striped down the shaft with saturate brown; the stripes narrower below than above: disc and leg-plumes immaculate: back wings and tail, saturate brown, transversely barred, and largely emarginated and tipt, with rusty; the bars interrupted on the shafts, and frequently resembling triangular indentations: four bars across the great quills and tail feathers; and the tips of both largely paled: plumes of the thighs and tarsi downy: half the latter nude: nude portion and the toes, flavescent fleshy grey: talons horn yellow: bill blue, with a dusky tip: iris bright yellow: edges of eye-lids black: twenty-two to twenty-three inches long by 55 to 58 wide. Weight three and a half lbs.

N. B. The sexes resemble each other both in size and colours.

Second species: *Cultrunguis Nigripes*, Mihi. Head, neck, back, and whole body below, pale earthy brown, with a fawn tinge; paler and albescent on the abdominal surface; each plume striped down the shaft with a saturate brown mark, which is narrower below than above; and each also crossed with numerous slender zigzags of brownish fawn colour: wings and tail saturate brown, triangularly indented or cross-barred, and broadly tipt, with obscure rufous yellow, which is freckled, for the most part, on the tertiaries, and scapulars, with brown: great quills and rectrices, quadricinctate, as in the preceding: disc earthy brown: thighs pale fawn: both immaculate: throat white, and almost or wholly unmarked: wings albescent towards the roots of the feathers: bill dusky horn: iris bright yellow: edge of eye-lid black: tarsi and toes, purpurescent dusky: talons the same, with black points: thighs and knees to the front, covered with downy plumes: tarsi and toes, nude: size of the last.