

and in the former characters to exhibit a manifest approach to the *Nutcrackers*, or the genus *Nucifraga* of Brisson.

A new species of this latter European form was also observed in the collection; a second species being thus added to a group which had hitherto been supposed to have been limited to one. In the shape of the bill, which was somewhat shorter and stouter at the base than in the European species, it indicated an approach to the *Jays*. Its characters were as follow:—

**NUCIFRAGA HEMISPILA.** *Nuc. castaneo-brunnea; capite subtus, collo anteriori, dorso, pectoreque albo maculatis; capite summo, alis, rectricibusque intensè brunneis; his, duabus mediis exceptis, ad apicem latè albis.*

The two following species of *Woodpecker*, which approached in size and colouring most closely to the European green *Woodpecker*, were also described.

**PICUS OCCIPITALIS.** Mas. *Pic. viridis, uropygio lutescenti; fronte coccineo; vertice, strigâ latâ occipitali ad nucham extendente, alterâque utrinque sub oculos postrictali, atris; remigibus rectricibusque fusco atris, harum duabus mediis pallido-fusco striatis, illis externè albo maculatis; gulâ genisque canis.*

Fœm. *Fronte atrâ albo lineatâ.*

**PICUS SQUAMATUS.** *Pic. supra viridis, uropygio sublutescenti; gulâ juguloque viridi-canis; capite coccineo; strigâ superoculari, alterâ suboculari, abdomineque viridi-albis, hoc atro squamato; strigâ superciliari alterâque utrinque mentali atris; remigibus rectricibusque fusco-atris, illis externè, his utrinque albo maculatis.*

A species of *Hawfinch*, according accurately with the characters of that northern form, was also described.

**COCCOTHAUSTES ICTERIOIDES.** Mas. *Cocc. capite, jugulo, dorso medio, alis, femorum tectricibus, caudâque atris; nuchâ, uropygio, corporeque subtus luteis.*

Fœm. *Olivaceo-cana, uropygio abdomineque lutescentibus; remigibus rectricibusque atris.*

As also a small *Owl*, very nearly allied to the *Noctuæ passerina* and *Tengmalmi* of Europe.

**NOCTUA CUCULOIDES.** *Noct. brunneo-fusca; capite, dorso, tectricibus alarum, corporeque subtus albo graciliter fasciatis; remigibus externè albo maculatis; rectricibus utrinque fasciis albis quinque notatis; gulâ albâ.*

Among the forms peculiar to India was observed a second species of the singular group which contains the *Horned Pheasant*, or the *Meleagris Satyra* of Linnæus, and which has been lately separated by M. Cuvier under the name of *Tragopan*. Its specific characters are;

**TRAGOPAN HASTINGSII.** *Trag. dorso brunneo-fusco undulato, abdomine intensè rubro, amborum plumis ad apicem nigris in medio albo guttatis; cristâ crissoque atris, illâ ad apicem coccineâ, hoc albo maculato; collo posteriori coccineo; thorace aurantio; regione circumoculari nudâ, carunculisque pendentibus luteis; caudâ atrâ, lutescenti-albo undulatâ.*