

This interesting race is known only from the type collected by W. Goodfellow. Its coloration is darker and more heavily streaked in comparison with the Luzon bird. This character is also found among Mindanao specimens of *Turnix*, *Mirafra*, and several other genera.

Allied Species and their Range.—The only other species of the genus is *P. solomonensis* Hartert, collected by A. S. Meek on Isabel Island, Solomon Islands.

The genus most nearly allied is *Bubo*, widely distributed over the globe, from Arctic tundra to the tropical desert.

Genus MIMIZUKU (gen. nov.)

Type (by monotypy): *Pseudoptynx gurneyi* Tweeddale.

Differs from *Pseudoptynx* in having swollen nostrils; long ear-tufts well developed, the true feathers extending to the chin, like *Otus*; and forming a complete ring round the throat. Colour pattern of the tail and the feathered tarsus more like *Otus* than *Bubo* or *Pseudoptynx*, and in size being between the latter and the former. This genus is monotypic and confined to the Philippines.

223. *Mimizuku gurneyi*

Gurney's Horned Owl (Plate 5)

Pseudoptynx gurneyi Tweeddale, *Proc. Zool. Soc.*, 1878, p. 940, pl. 58: Zamboanga, Mindanao (type, male, April 1878, Tweeddale coll., in British Museum).

Distribution.—Marinduque, Mindanao.

Description.—Sides of face bright pure unmarked rufous; lengthened stiff plumes springing from base of maxilla rufous, mixed with tawny, and many with dark brown shafts and tipped with dark brown; space above front of eyes, uniting on forehead and extending back over eyes, pale tawny rufous; crown and occiput dark rufous, many of the feathers with a broad dark brown mesial stripe; nape and sides of neck pure rufous; lengthened ear-tufts rufous, some with very narrow brown mesial linear markings near their apices; plumes bordering facial disk albescent tawny, some almost pure white tipped with dark brown; chin and upper throat tawny rufous; middle of throat white, breast and remainder of lower surface pure rufous, more dilute on lengthened tibial plumes and under tail-coverts; a few pectoral plumes with large dark brown terminal drops; many abdominal plumes with elongated dark brown central stripes; back rufous, minutely freckled with brown, each feather with a bold, irregular dark brown central stripe; scapulars like back but some of the shorter and



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outer ones albescent tawny on outer webs ; dark brown central marks so arranged that the back, together with the scapulars, appears to have three parallel dark brown stripes running down it ; rump and upper tail-coverts rufous brown with darker shafts ; rectrices brown, minutely freckled with pale rufous and with eight or nine rufous cross-bands ; lesser and median wing-coverts brown, freckled with rufous, each with a narrow central brown line ; greater-coverts brown on inner web, freckled with rufous on outer web ; quills brown, alternately banded with freckled brown and pale rufous ; tertiaries pure rufous, with traces of dark brown along the shafts ; edge of wing white ; lining yellowish white ; some of the under carpal coverts rufous ; thigh and tarsal-coverts pale rufous and tawny white. Iris warm brown ; bill greyish white ; feet pale grey ; claws white, tipped with dark grey.

Wing, 236 ; tail, 122 ; culmen without cere, 28 ; tarsus, 46 ; middle toe with claw, 35.

General Notes.—The present genus is perhaps the most striking of all the Philippine Owls, and is described from only two specimens preserved in the British Museum. The type was collected by Everett and the second specimen by E. L. Moseley, from Marinduque in May, and is a young bird, probably about three weeks old, with down feathers white, primaries (167 mm.) and tail (67 mm.) already well developed.

Genus OTUS

Pennant, "Indian Zool.," p. 3, 1769. Type (by monotypy): *Otus bakkamcena* Pennant.

Small ; ear-tufts well developed ; primaries not greatly exceeding secondaries ; plumage buffy and mottled ; tarsus more or less feathered ; toes naked in Philippine species.

224. *Otus rufescens burbridgei*, subsp. nov.

Sulu Rufous Scops Owl

Otus rufescens (Horsfield), McGregor, "Man. Philip. Bds.," p. 256, 1909 : Sulu (type in British Museum).

Distribution.—Sulu.

Description.—Everywhere bright tawny rufous, browner on the head and upper parts generally, these also varied with small triangular cross-bars of fulvous, which become larger and more distinct on the wing-coverts ; the outer margin of the scapulars paler and more inclining to tawny fulvous ; ear-coverts, 25 mm. long and coloured