

in having grey (not ochraceous) under tail-coverts, with wide slaty-blackish bars, very grey (not ochraceous) flanks, with very wide bars, though the breast is not quite as grey as in the males of *ernesti*. The adult female in the British Museum and the one in Tring (from New Guinea) are still darker grey on the flanks and more cinnamon-rufous on the chest, than our Babber specimen, but in all essential characters they agree.

38. *Ninox boobook cinnamomina* subspec. nov.

Formis *Ninox boobook boobook* et *Ninox boobook ocellata* appellatis similis sed multo minor et colore laete cinnamomino an rufo-cinnamomeo, nec grisescente, nec brunneo, nec rufo.

The four specimens from Babber, obtained at Tapa in August and September, are almost alike, and their colour above is bright cinnamon, lighter on the neck, darker and more brownish on the crown. The scapulars and greater upper wing-coverts are rufous-cinnamon, with white or whitish bars and round spots. The tail is rufous-cinnamon, with more or less ill-defined, sometimes, however, rather distinct brown bars to the inner webs, which are generally much paler. The auricular region is covered with a large, very conspicuous slaty-brown patch. The under-surface varies from light reddish cinnamon with darker longitudinal patches and whitish spots on the abdomen to whitish with rufous-cinnamon longitudinal patches. Wing 209—213, tail about 120—130 mm. "Iris chromeous or whitish yellow; feet whitish; bill dull black or slate with yellow or whitish tip." Type of *Ninox boobook cinnamomina*: ♂ ad., Tapa, 22. viii. 1905 (No. 6606).

It is particularly interesting to find on Babber an apparently very constant distinct form of the *boobook*-group of owls, as the birds from Moa, Letti and Roma are much nearer to *N. boobook boobook* and *N. boobook ocellata*. Cf. *Nor. Zool.* 1904. p. 191, and 1905. p. 210. It must be said that Australian specimens vary enormously in coloration and size. Some small specimens from Derby and other places in N.W. Australia are hardly larger than my *cinnamomina*, and some are quite pale cinnamon, but not bright rufous-cinnamon. I have, however, not seen any series of specimens from one place that are alike *inter se* (we received five examples from Babber), that are so bright rufous-cinnamon, or so small. It is, therefore, not only advisable but necessary to name the Babber form. We received five skins, four marked as males, one doubtful (Nos. 6606, 6607, 6611, 6868, 6892).

39. *Eos reticulatus* (S. Müll.)

Psittacus reticulatus S. Müller, *Verh. Land- u. Volkenkunde*, pp. 107, 108 (Moluccas, no exact locality).

Not known from the more westerly islands of the group, but already obtained on Babber by Schädler (cf. Finsch, *Notes Leyden Museum* xxii. p. 285), and on Dammer by Heinrich Kühn. On Babber it is evidently quite common, as Kühn's collectors sent thirteen specimens obtained near Tapa in August and September (Nos. 6612, 6644, 6646, 6650, 6652, 6656, 6665, 6743, 6748, 6807, 6809, 6810, 6872). "Iris burnt sienna (brick-red); bill red; feet blackish."

40. *Trichoglossus euteles* (Temm.).

Cf. *Nor. Zool.* 1904. p. 193.

Mr. Kühn sent four specimens from Tapa (Nos. 6615, 6622, 6625, 6789). Schädler sent to Leyden from Babber.