

to strike a fanciful listener with unpleasing associations. I met with two of this species near Sísdah in Borabhúm, probably a solitary pair, and have placed it as a new addition to the STRIX family, as it differs essentially from any yet described by PENNANT, LATHAM, or HARDWICKE, as found in India.

6. STRIX CANDIDUS, *Jungle Owl*. T. Male. From head to tail 16 inches, spread of wings 3 feet 4. Eyes black, bill and legs horny, tarsi denuded : whole upper parts shaded with dark and light brown, as in the short-eared owl, the feathers indiscriminately sprinkled with clear white spots ; primaries and tail tawny-brown, broadly barred darker, radial feathers of face, breast, belly and vent pure white. This species frequents the long grass jungle, and passes its life almost entirely on the ground, seldom perching on the lowest trees. When flushed, it rises heavily, and drops again into the grass, as suddenly as if shot. It is silent and solitary, the young keep in company some time after attaining their full growth. The jungle owl is found throughout Bengal and the upper provinces in tracts of long grass, to which it appears wholly confined. Male and female scarcely differ.

7. STRIX RADIATA. *Little barred Owl*, T. (*St. Castanoptera* ? Horse. Java.) Male. Length  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, breadth 18 ; 4th quill longest. Bill greenish horn. Eyes gold, feet and claws horny, slightly feathered to the claws. Face, head, and upper parts pale amber-brown, clearest on head, greyest on scapulars and back, the whole barred with dull sepia ; greater wing coverts black, the outer webs of the feather white mixed with rusty, edges of wing chesnut, barred brown ; alula spuria and primaries do. barred black ; edges of scapulars have greyish white patches. Tail dark coppery brown, barred pale rusty ; breast as black but paler, the brown changing to griseous white towards the belly and thighs ; the whole under parts barred dingy sepia. Very common in the thickly-wooded parts of the Jungle Mehals, selecting the largest trees for its abode, from whence it keeps up its clamorous cries the greater part of the day. It is active, frolicksome, and diurnal, and feeds on insects.

8. STRIX LUGUBRIS. *Brown Wood Owl*, T. Male. In length 12 inches, breadth 2 feet 2. Eyes gold, bill and legs horny, tarsi and toes feathered, whole upper parts dull uniform brown. Beneath whitish, barred rusty ; primaries and tail, leaden brown, barred broadly darker. Inhabits the retired parts of the thickest jungle, coming towards the edges and open parts at night. It is completely nocturnal, and in a calm moon-light night, its incessant cries are heard to a great distance, resembling strongly those of a strangling cat. The only specimen seen was killed at Dampára, in Dholbhúm.