

17. *RHYTIDOCERUS PLICATUS* (Penn.).

One specimen.

18. *SAUROPATIS SAUROPHAGA* (Gould).

One specimen. East Island.

19. *SYMA TOROTORO*, Less.

Male and female. Fergusson Island.

20. *TANYSIPTERA ROSSELIANA*, sp. nov.

Two specimens. Rossel Island.

*T. supra ultramarino-cærulea*; capite toto et tectricibus alarum superioribus læte cæruleis; remigibus nigris, in pogonio externo cæruleo marginatis; tergo inferiore, cauda et toto corpore subtus purissime albis; cauda spatulata; spatula alba, sed parte rachidis angustiore duarum mediarum rectricum ultra caudam cærulea; rostro rubro; pedibus nigris: long. tot. 15 poll. Angl., alæ 4·35, caudæ 5·5, caud. cum rectr. med. 10·6, rostri 1·6.

This is one of the most beautiful members of this beautiful group. The long white graduated tail is very conspicuous, while the shafts of the two median feathers have a very minute blue edging, which terminates with the commencement of the white racket. In this disposition of the colours it seems to differ from all other described species.

21. *DACELO GAUDICHAUDI*, Quoy & G.

Male and female.

22. *NASITERNA FUSIO*, Sclat.

Two specimens. St. Aignan's Island.

23. *NINOX ROSSELIANA*, sp. nov.

One specimen. Rossel Island.

*N. superne fusco-brunnea*, unicolor; tectricibus alarum in externo pogonio albo maculatis; remigibus fuscis sine maculis; cauda obscure brunneo fasciata; pectore et abdomine albidis, striis castaneis longitudinaliter variegatis; tibiis et tarsis castaneis; rostro albedo; pedibus pallidis: long. tot. 11 poll. Angl., alæ 8·1, caudæ 5, rostr. 9, tarsi 1·3.

This very plainly-clad little Owl seems nearest to the Australian *N. boobook*, though very much smaller. In mea-

surements, but not in coloration, it approaches closely to the description of *N. jacquinoti* from the Solomon Islands.

24. *HALIAETUS LEUCOGASTER* (Gm.).

One specimen.

25. *TADORNA RADJAH*, Garn.

One specimen. Fergusson Island.

26. *PTILOPUS STROPHIUM*, Gould.

Two males. East Island and Rossel Island.

27. *CARPOPHAGA SPILORRHOA*, Gray.

One specimen. St. Aignan's Island.

28. *CHALCOPHAPS CHRYSOCHLORA*, Gould.

One specimen. East Island.

29. *CALÆNAS NICOBARICA* (L.).

One specimen. Normanby Island.

30. *MACROPYGIA CARTERETIA*, Bp. Consp. ii. p. 57.

One specimen. St. Aignan's Island.

31. *MACROPYGIA CINEREICEPS*, sp. nov.

One specimen. Fergusson Island.

*M. corpore superne cinnamomeo; capite cinereo; nucha viridi resplendente; mento albicante; pectore rufo-cinnamomeo; abdomine albidiorē; subcaudalibus læte castaneis; remigibus brunneis castaneo marginatis; cauda castanea; rectricibus tribus externis fascia lata nigricante in medio cinctis.*

The ash-coloured head sufficiently marks this species, the type of which is evidently fully adult. There is a single example of the same bird in the British Museum unnamed: it was obtained by Mr. H. O. Forbes on the S.E. coast of New Guinea, so that the species probably has a range of some extent.

32. *CHARADRIUS FULVUS*, Gm.

One specimen. Rossel Island.

33. *HIMANTOPUS LEUCOCEPHALUS*, Gould.

One specimen. Fergusson Island.