

SCOTOPELIA USSHERI, sp. n.

S. ferruginea, suprâ unicolor: subtùs dilutior, rachibus plumarum angustè brunneo notatis: alarum et caudæ plumis in pogonio interno nigro fasciatis, illarum latiùs, hujus angustius: tibiis fulvescentibus unicoloribus. Long. tot. 19·5 poll. angl., alæ 12·5, caudæ 7·5, tarsi 2·1.

The above short description is quite sufficient to separate the new Owl from the well-known *Scotopelia peli*, from which it differs in the following characters, viz. in its smaller size, in the uniform rufous colouring of the upper surface, and in the different coloration of the lower surface of the body, which is rust-coloured, everywhere distinctly striped with dark brown along the centre of the feather. In *S. peli* the centre of the breast is rich cream-colour, while only the sides of the body are streaked with rufous brown, these streaks having rather the appearance of longitudinal drops on the plumage. The disparity in size between the two species is evinced by the following measurements:—

		Long. tot.	Al.	Caud.	Tarsi.
1.	<i>Scotopelia peli</i> . Ex Zambesi . . .	22·0	17·0	10·5	2·4
2.	<i>Scotopelia ussheri</i> . Ex Fantee . .	19·5	12·5	7·5	2·1

While on the subject of African ornithology, I may draw attention to a species of Finch in my collection, which appears not to have been described, and which I propose to name

POLIOSPIZA CROCOPYGIA, sp. n.

♂. *P.* suprâ pallidè fusca, plumis medialiter obscurioribus: lineâ superciliari et striâ suboculari albidis: genis fuscis: tectricibus alarum, remigibus et reetricibus nigrisanti-fuscis, pallidè fusco marginatis: dorso postico et uropygio cum tectricibus supracaudalibus lætissimè sulphureis, his fusco mixtis: gulâ, abdomine et tectricibus subcaudalibus purè albis: pectore superiore et hypochondriis fuscis: subalaribus albidis, sulphureo lavatis: gulâ mediâ et laterali maculis fuscis parvulis notatis: rostro pallidè brunneo, mandibulâ albescente: pedibus fusco-brunneis.

♀ mari omnino similis, sed subalaribus flavo haud tinctis.

Above pale greyish-brown, the middle of the feathers darker, giving a striped appearance on the head, and mottled on the back; lower part of the back, rump, and upper tail-coverts bright sulphur-yellow, the latter somewhat tinged with brown, owing to the basal portion of the feather being of this colour;

