

SYRNIUM MA<sup>a</sup> Clark, new species.

*Type*.—Cat. No. 114439 U.S.N.M.; female, Fusan, Korea; P. L. Jouy, collector.

Somewhat resembles *S. aluco* from Norway in the gray phase, but very much grayer with no trace of rufous, the wing coverts brownish gray instead of reddish brown; the head is brownish gray with a broken line of white from the base of the bill over the eye to the nape on either side, due to the presence of large white spots on each feather in this region. The nape, hind neck, and sides of the neck are spotted and mottled with white, the central dark areas of the feathers imparting a streaked appearance. The facial disc is as in *S. aluco*, but more uniformly gray, with no trace of rufous. The underparts are marked as in *S. aluco*, but the ground color is white, and the streaks and vermiculations brownish gray. The under wing coverts are white, more heavily streaked with brown than in *S. aluco*, and the feet are much more heavily barred than in that species. The first primary is 25 mm. longer than the same feather in *S. aluco*, equalling the ninth in length; the fifth primary is the longest, the fourth nearly as long, the third somewhat shorter, and the second intermediate between the fifth and seventh.

The type measures, wing, 297 mm.; tail, 192 mm.; tarsus, 57 mm.

## SYRNIUM URALENSE JAPONICUM Clark, new subspecies.

*Type*.—Cat. No. 96393 U.S.N.M.; female, Sapporo, Hokkaido, October 18, 1882.

Although this and the following form are here described for the first time, the credit for pointing them out really belongs to Doctor Stejneger, for as long ago as 1893<sup>b</sup> he showed that they differed from the continental form, and also differed among themselves, although he did not name them.

Four specimens of the owl commonly referred to by writers dealing with Japanese ornithology as *Syrnium uralense* prove to belong to a well-marked subspecies, characterized by much smaller size and more heavily feathered toes, the feathering concealing the last joint and the base of the claws. The birds are uniform in coloration and are very pale, much paler than a bird from Romedal, Norway, before me, resembling a bird labeled as from northern Europe.

A male measures, wing, 267 mm.; tail, 200 mm. (much abraded).

Three females average, wing, 295 mm.; tail, 243 mm.

All the specimens are from the island of Hokkaido.

<sup>a</sup> Ma=elf; gnome (Japanese).

<sup>b</sup> Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XVI, p. 626.