

One specimen of this species in the Rivoli collection is labelled "Orenoque," and another in the collection of the Academy is probably from South America.

I have named this bird in honor of Gavin Watson, M. D., of this city, a gentleman of extensive knowledge of natural history, much attached to the study of the American Raptores, and an especial admirer of the Owls.

SYRNIUM albo-gularis, nobis. Entire plumage above deep umber brown, every feather more or less finely vermiculated and minutely spotted with black; on the head also transversely lined and spotted with pure white, especially in the region of the occiput, where upon some feathers the white spots are disposed regularly in pairs, upon the opposite webs.

Feathers of the back and rump having also three or four irregular transverse lines, and irregularly spotted with pale brownish nearly white. Scapulars broadly barred and edged with white.

Lesser wing coverts with irregular lines of pale brownish, and with large white marks on their external webs. Primaries with their external webs nearly black, with about eight to twelve square spots or bands of fulvous. Internal webs of primaries plain black or with obscure bands.

Eyebrow white; a large semicircular segment of white covering the jaws and throat, interrupted at the base of the under mandible by a few brownish feathers; many of those white feathers conspicuously tipped with black, forming a well defined semicircular discal collar, or ruff.

Breast with a broad band of same umber brown as the back, every feather irregularly lined and minutely spotted with black, many of the feathers also with subrounded spots of pure white, occasionally disposed in pairs.

Abdomen, flanks, and under tail coverts fulvous, every feather marked longitudinally with black, and about one to three transverse marks of the same colour, assuming a partially lyrate form; these marks less distinct on the flanks.

Tail umber brown, with about eight to ten irregular pale brownish white bars: under surface paler.

Plumage of the tarsi reaching nearly to the toes, pale reddish fulvous; tibial plumage darker, inclining to ferruginous; toes naked.

Bill yellow.

Total length about $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, wing 8, tail $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Hab. South America.

Two specimens of this bird in the Rivoli collection are without label, a third obtained in Paris by Mr. Edward Wilson is labelled "South America."

I am acquainted with no species which in any considerable degree resembles the bird now described, nor have I met with a description applicable to it.

SYRNIUM virgatum, nobis. Plumage of the entire upper surface dark umber brown, every feather having about three to five irregular transverse narrow bands of sordid yellowish white, most numerous and distinct on the head and rump. Upper tail coverts banded with pure white.

Scapulars obliquely banded on their outer webs with fulvous, on their inner webs more or less regularly banded with yellowish white. Wing coverts with broader bands, and also mottled and pointed at their tips with whitish.

Primaries very dark brown, nearly black, external webs with about seven

square spots of grayish white, some of which enclose central spots of dark brown, and all more or less dotted and mottled with the same colour. These square spots less regular on the first and second primaries; all the primaries with broad pale tips. Internal webs with regular bands of dark and paler brownish black.

General colour of the face same as the head and back, superciliary plumage and discal circle nearly white, more or less spotted and lined with deep brown.

Breast deep umber brown tinged with fulvous, every feather having about three very irregular transverse bands, which are broader and paler than those of the back, though of the same character; on the lower part of the breast these bands are nearly white.

Abdomen pale fulvous, every feather with a longitudinal stripe of black, and with one or two transverse irregular bands at the tip of the same colour, ventral region and under tail coverts pale fulvous, nearly white, with a trace of blackish spots.

Tarsi dark fulvous, mottled with brown; feathered to the toes.

Tail black, tipped with white, and having about five bands, which are brownish on the outer and white on the inner webs.

Bill horn colour at the base, pale yellow at the tip, toes quite naked.

Total length about 14 inches, wing $10\frac{1}{2}$, tail 6 inches.

Younger or different sex? Pale bands on the superior surface of the body broader, those on the wing coverts, primaries and secondaries, enclosing tolerably regular bands of black. Scapulars with their outer webs fulvous and pure white.

Spots on the outer webs of the primaries, and bands on the tail nearly white. secondaries broadly tipped with white, each terminal spot enclosing a segment of dark brown.

Entire inferior surface of the body fulvous, feathers having longitudinal stripes only of dark brown; under tail coverts nearly pure white.

Younger? Bands on the back and rump almost obsolete, having the appearance of spots only. Scapulars and some of the wing coverts broadly edged with pure white.

Entire under surface of the body nearly white, with but a tinge of fulvous, the feathers having longitudinal bands only of deep brown. Under tail coverts and tarsi nearly white.

Total length about 14 inches, wing $9\frac{1}{2}$, tail 6 inches.

Hab. South America.

This is a bird of which I have frequently seen specimens, and am surprised that I have not succeeded in finding a description of it. I am acquainted with no species intimately resembling it.