Sp. 2. St? Novæ Hollandiæ.

ST? suprà saturate-cinereo griseo alboque varia, apicibus pennarum albo nigricanteque maculatis; subtus subfulva nigricante maculata, cauda fasciis nigris.

Owl above dark cinercous varied with grey and white, with the tips of the feathers spotted with dusky and white; beneath subfulvous spotted with dusky, the tail with black bands.

Mouse Owl. Lath. Gen. Hist, i. 358.

Length about seventeen inches: beak white: face reddish-buff: from the chin a chocolate mark, surrounding the margin of both the face circles, and finishing at the hind head; before the eye dusky black: plumage above dark ash-colour, speckled with grey, dashed with white; this appearance arising from each feather having a darker spot at the end, and within this a triangular white mark: the inner webs of the feathers rusty-yellow (as in the preceding bird): quills and tail clouded, the latter crossed with five or six bands of black, margined above and below with white: under parts of the body and under wingcoverts pale buff, with a dull dusky spot at the end of each feather: outer quill greatly serrated, the second less so, the edges of the others smooth: legs feathered to the toes, the latter hairy: claws black. Inhabits New Holland.

GENUS XXXVI.—SYRNIUM, Savigny. HOWLET.

Rostrum breve, curvatum. Caput fasciculis auriformis haud ornatum.

Discus faciei maximus.

Pedes usque ad ungues plumosi.

Beak short, curved.

Head not furnished with

Facial disc very large.

Legs clothed with feathers