

PSITTACUS PORPHYROCEPHALUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum aduncum: mandibula superiore mobili, cera instructa.

Nares in rostri basi.

Lingua carnosæ, obtusa, integra.

Pedes scanforii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 139.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

PSITTACUS submacrourus viridis, vertice subcristato, purpureo-cæruleo, gula rubra.

Inter numerosas hujus generis species vix extat avicula aut forma elegantior, aut coloribus pulchrior. Insulas incolit australes modo exploratas, nuperis navigiis inde ad nos advecta. Interdum fit ut differat paulum colore alia ab alia: ut nempe in nonnullis sint femora viridia, in nonnullis purpurea. Interdum etiam pectus aliquid fusci coloris exhibet. Hæ differentię fortasse vel sexus discrimina indicant, vel a juniore aut proVectiori ætate oriuntur.

T H E
PURPLE - HEADED PARRAKEET.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill hooked. Upper mandible moveable.

Nostrils round, placed in the base of the bill.

Tongue fleshy, broad, blunt at the end.

Legs short. Toes formed for climbing, viz. two backward and two forward.

Linnaeus and Pennant.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

GREEN PARRAKEET, with the tail rather elongated; crown slightly crested, and of a purplish blue; throat red.

BLUE-CRESTED PARRAKEET.

Latham's Synopsis of Birds. vol. I. p. 254.

Of the extensive genus to which this bird belongs, there hardly exists a more beautiful species, either in point of shape or colour. It is a native of the newly-discovered Islands in the South-Sea, and is one of the numerous acquisitions with which Natural History has been enriched by the late Voyages to the Southern Hemisphere. It is subject to some variety as to colour, the thighs in some being green, and in others purple: the breast also is sometimes of a dusky tinge. These are probably either sexual differences, or else may be owing to a more or less advanced state of age.



Richard's Parrot (Loriculus)

(from the N. S. W. Museum)



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