

STRIX NEBULOSA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum aduncum. (absque cera.)

Nares pennis setaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.

Caput grande: auribus oculisque magnis.

Lingua bifida.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 131.

Ord. Accipitres.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

STRIX fusco albidoque transversim fasciata, ab-domine albo maculis oblongis ferrugineis.

Penn. Zool. Arct. p. 234.

Act. Angl. vol. 62. p. 424.

Lath. Synops. p. 133.

Hæc avis inter majores sui generis exstat, quamvis aliis speciebus magnitudine impar. Specimen a Doctore FORSTER in Actis Anglicis descriptum pondere erat librarum trium, longitudine sedecim unciarum, latitudine quatuor pedum. Tota avis fusco albidoque colore transversim fasciata est, fasciis versus caput minoribus et numerosioribus. In imo ventre et super latera sunt maculæ variæ longitudinales, magnæ, ferrugineo-fuscæ. Pallidæ quæ oculos cingunt plumæ, striis

striis concentricis fuscis leviter notantur. Super remiges alarum et caudam fasciae alternatim albæ fuscæque majores sunt, et magis conspicuae quam in aliis partibus. Colores totius avis sunt molles et eleganter dispositi. Sinum Hudsoni in America Septentrionali inhabitat hæc avis.



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THE
CLOUDED OWL.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill crooked (not furnished with a cere.)

Nostrils covered with recumbent bristly feathers.

Head large: Ears and Eyes large.

Tongue bifid.

Lin. Syst. Nat.—Accipitres.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

OWL transversely fasciated with brown and whitish, the belly white with oblong ferruginous spots.

BARRED OWL.

Pennant. Arct. Zool. p. 234.

Latb. Synops. p. 133.

This is one of the larger species of Owls, though inferior in size to some others of the genus. A specimen described by Dr. FORSTER in the Philosophical Transactions weighed three pounds, and was in length sixteen inches, and in breadth, when extended, four feet. The whole bird is transversely barred with brown and whitish; the bars being smallest, and most num-

rous towards the head. On the lower part of the belly, and on the sides, are some large longitudinal marks of ferruginous brown. The feathers surrounding the eyes are of a pale colour, lightly marked with concentric striæ of brownish. On the long feathers of the wings and tail, the alternate bars of brown and white are larger and more conspicuous than on the other parts. The colours on the whole bird are soft, and very elegantly disposed. It is a native of Hudson's Bay.



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