



*Pittacus terrestris*

*PSITTACUS TERRESTRIS.*  
THE GROUND PARROT.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* aduncum: mandibula superiore mobili; cera instructa.

*Nares* in rostri basi.

*Lingua* carnosæ, obtusa, integra.

*Pedes* scanforii.

*Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 139.*

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CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

*Psittacus macrourus* viridis, nigro flavoque maculatus, capistro rubro, cauda flava fasciis numerosis nigris.

*PSITTACUS TERRESTRIS.*

*Museum Leverianum, p. 217. tab. 53.*

*PSITTACUS FORMOSUS.*—*Lath. ind. orn. p. 103.*



## 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 toes forward, and two backward.

## SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &amp;c.

Long-tailed green Parrot, spotted with black and yellow; the frontlet red; the tail yellow with numerous black bars.

## THE GROUND PARROT.

*Museum Leverianum*, p. 219. pl. 53.

THE very elegant figure of this bird in the 5th Number of the *Museum Leverianum*, representing it in a posture in which some of its marks are less strikingly conspicuous, we have endeavoured in the present plate to exhibit its peculiar characters to the greatest advantage by a more expanded attitude of the wings and tail. With respect to its manners we can only repeat what has been

faid in the work above referred to: viz. that it differs from all the rest of its tribe in never perching on trees, but constantly frequenting low and sedgy places, running along the ground in the manner of a rail. The legs and feet are uncommonly thin and delicate, and the claw on one of the back toes lengthened out, so as to resemble in some degree that of a lark. The size of this species is nearly that of a turtle.



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