

Genus IERACIDEA, Gould.

CHARACTERES GENERICI.

Rostrum, ut in genere Falco dicto ; alis attamen minùs rigidis, remige tertio longissimo ; tarsis longioribus, gracilioribus, et anticè squamis hexagonalibus tectis ; digitis gracilioribus, digito postico brevior, unguibus minùs robustis.

Bill and general form as in *Falco*, but the wings are less powerful, and the third quill-feather is the longest ; the tarsi also are more elongated, slender, and covered anteriorly with hexagonal scales ; toes more feeble, the hind toe shorter, and the claws less robust.

IERACIDEA BERIGORA.

Ierac. vertice ferruginoso-fusco, plumis lineâ angustâ nigrâ longitudinalitèr notatis ; strigâ nigrâ a mandibulâ inferiore per genas excurrente ; plumis auricularibus fuscis ; abdomine medio, crissoque pallidè cervinis, singulis plumis lineâ centrali fuscâ angustè notatis ; lateribus ferruginoso-fuscis, guttis flavescenti-albis notatis ; femoribus extùs fuscis, ferrugineo transversim fasciatis ; dorso medio rufescenti-fusco, scapularibus, tectricibusque alarum fuscis, ferrugineo fasciatis ; caudâ fusco, ferrugineoque fasciatâ ; primariis nigrescenti-fuscis, pogoniis internis notis ovalibus cervinis latè fasciatis ; rostro plumbeo ; pedibus obscurè plumbeis.

Long. tot. 18 unc. ; rostri, $1\frac{1}{2}$; alæ, $13\frac{1}{4}$; caudæ, 8 ; tarsi, 3.

Crown of the head ferruginous brown, with a fine black line down the centre of each feather ; a streak of black from the base of the lower mandible down each side of the cheek ; ear-coverts brown ; throat, chest, centre of the abdomen, and under tail-coverts pale buff, with a fine line of brown down each side of the shaft of every feather ; flanks ferruginous, each feather crossed with spots of buffy white ; thighs dark brown, crossed like the flanks but with redder spots ; centre of the back reddish brown ; scapularies and wing-coverts brown, crossed with conspicuous bars and spots of ferruginous ; tail brown, crossed with ferruginous bars, and tipped with light brown ; primaries blackish brown, margined on their inner webs with large oval-shaped spots of buff ; bill bluish horn colour ; feet lead colour.

SYN. *Falco Berigora*, Vig. and Horsf. in Linn. Trans., vol. xv. p. 184.

Remark. This bird in its progress from youth to maturity is subject to very marked changes of plumage : the colouring described above appears to be that of an adult ; but I possess other individuals apparently mature, in which the whole of the upper and under surface, except the throat, is of an almost uniform deep chocolate brown, with only an indication of the ferruginous bars and spots on the back, while the wings and tail are the same as in the adult ; the thighs internally however are always buff.

Habitat. Australia generally.



Ieracidea Bengora.



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