

## 5. Description of a New Species of Kangaroo.

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(Plate LXXVII.)

The Trustees of the British Museum have obtained, by purchase, the skin of a male Kangaroo from Cape Crafton, N. W. Australia; it belongs to an undescribed species, for which I propose the name of

HALMATURUS APICALIS, sp. nov. (Plate LXXVII.)

Fur rather short and coarse, brown on the upper parts, with many black or black-tipped hairs along the middle of the back, which renders this part of a darker colour than the sides. Reddish brown prevails over the loins and halfway forwards on the sides, the shoulder, nape of the neck, and upper side of the head being of a greyish brown. The hairs of all these parts are black or blackish at the base.

A broad blackish band from the nostril through the eye towards the ear; *front of the ear-opening surrounded by a well-marked bright brownish red spot.* Head below the black band greyish white, nearly white on the upper lip; chin blackish; throat greyish. The outside of the ears thinly clothed with brownish red hairs and with a narrow whitish margin; inside of the ears very sparingly covered with whitish hairs.

Chest greyish like the throat; but this colour passes gradually into the bright rusty red of the dense woolly fur of the abdomen.

Hairs of the upperarm and of the proximal half of the forearm greyish, with whitish tips; the remainder of this limb black. Hind limb brownish grey, grizzled with black; toes nearly black.

Tail sparingly covered with short, stiff, black hairs, mixed with brown ones near its base. The hairs are thickest along the median line of its lower surface; *and in about the middle of the length of this line a longitudinal whitish stripe appears, which is continued to, and passes into the white termination of the tail* (in the adult this white extremity is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long).

Muffle naked in front; ears short; lower side of the tarsi naked, with papillary warts; nail of middle hind toe well developed. (Subgen. *Halmaturus*.)

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Length from tip of nose to root of tail . . . . .	29	6
„ of tail . . . . .	24	0
„ of head . . . . .	5	6
„ of ear . . . . .	2	9
„ of forearm and hand, including nail . . . . .	8	0
„ of tarsus, and middle toe and nail . . . . .	9	6
„ of nail of middle hind toe . . . . .	1	0



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