

SCOLOPAX BRAZILIENSIS.

Brazilian Snipe. *Scolopax Braziliensis*. Swainson, Fauna Boreali-Americana, vol. ii. p. 400.

Scolopax (Telmatias) Paraguaia. Vieill. Darwin, Zool. of the Voy. of the Beagle, pt. iii. p. 131.

Collection Exp. Exp.

Our specimens, which were obtained in the vicinity of the city of Rio de Janeiro, are smaller, have shorter bills and tarsi, and appear to form a distinct species from *S. Paraguaia*, of Vieillot.

SCOLOPAX AUSTRALIS.

New Holland Snipe. *Scolopax Australis*. Latham, General History of Birds, vol. ix. p. 242.

Collection Exp. Exp.

Specimens obtained at Sidney, New South Wales, are larger than either of the foregoing species; bear the closest resemblance to *S. Magellanica*, but have longer bills and tarsi.

SCOLOPAX PECTINICAUDA.—(NOB.)

PLATE LXIV. FIG. 1.

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S. dimensionibus et specie generali præcedenti affinis: peculiaris tantummodò in caudæ plumis, quarum viginti et sex numerantur; ex quibus octonæ utrinque pogoniis externis perangustis gaudent, summi-

tate nonnihil dilatatis : colore imo capitis, colli, pectoris, dorsi tegminumque alarum pallidè ferrugineis : vertice vittis binis trajecto ; lineâ quoque ex rostro ad oculum porrectâ : colli plumis brunneo lineatis : scapularibus brunneo lineatis fasciatisque : tectricibus alarum minoribus fasciatis ; tectricibus ipsarum subjacentibus et laterum plumis albis, nigro vittatis : primariis brunneis ; primâ inter eas longissimâ ; scapis suprâ brunnescentibus, infrâ albis : plumarum caudæ apicibus albis, duarum quæ intermediæ sunt, exceptis ; inter apicem album et fasciam latam ferruginosam quâ medianæ octo notantur, fasciâ fusco-brunnèâ angustâ ; ex fasciâ ferruginèâ ad radices usque plumis omnibus brunneo notatis, extimis pallidissimis.

Size and general appearance analogous to the foregoing ; the tail-feathers presenting the only striking peculiarity, they are twenty-six in number ; the eight outer shafts on each side having very narrow webs, somewhat widened at the ends : the ground colour of the head, neck, breast, back, and wing-coverts, pale ferruginous ; two stripes of brown pass over the crown, and another from the bill to the eye : neck-feathers lineated with brown : scapulars lineated and barred with brown : lesser wing-coverts barred ; under wing-coverts and flank-feathers white, barred with black ; primaries brown, first one longest ; shafts, above pale brown, beneath white : tail tipped with white, excepting the two centre feathers ; within the white, a narrow dark brown band ; and within that again, the eight centre feathers have a broad ferruginous band ; from that to the roots all are brown, the outer ones being lightest.

Total length, $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches ; wing, from the carpal joint, $5\frac{8}{10}$ inches ; bill, $2\frac{6}{10}$ inches ; to the corner of the mouth, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches ; tarsi, $1\frac{3}{10}$ inch ; middle toe, including the nail, $1\frac{11}{10}$ inch ; nail, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch ; hind toe, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch ; nail, $\frac{3}{10}$ inch ; tail, $1\frac{6}{10}$ inch.

Our specimens were obtained at Singapore. The "*Sekadidi*," of Sumatra,* and "*Burchet*," of Java,† will probably, on examination, prove to be the same with *S. pectinicauda*, or a species closely allied.

* *Scolopax Gallinago*. Linn. *Sekadidi*. The Snipe. Sir T. S. Raffles's, descriptive catalogue of a Zoological Collection made in Sumatra. Linn. Trans., vol. xiii. p. 327.

† *Scolopax Gallinago*. Linn. *Burchet Javanis*. Dr. Horsfield's Systematic Arrangement and Description of Birds from the Island of Java. Linn. Trans., vol. xiii. p. 191.