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## P R E F A C E.

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THE object of the present List has been to give a complete Catalogue of the species of Birds (under their respective specific names, with their synonyms) as found on the numerous Islands of the Pacific Ocean, which are situated within the tropic between the longitudes of 134° E. and 130° W.

The space thus circumscribed embraces the groups of the Pelew, Ladrone, Caroline, Marshall's, Gilbert's, and Sandwich Islands, and various other scattered islands on the north of the Equator. It also includes those of the Admiralty, New Britain, New Ireland, Solomon, and Queen Charlotte's Islands, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Loyalty, Feejee, Samoan, Tonga, Cook's, Austral, Society, Low, and Marquesas Islands, as well as the other outlying islands on the south of the Equator.

Latham in his 'General Synopsis' was the first author who described the different species of Birds of the numerous tropical islands, specimens of which were obtained, or were represented in the many drawings made by Sydney Parkinson, the Forsters, and Ellis, during the three Voyages undertaken by the great circumnavigator Cook. To these are added, those recorded in the zoological portions of the different foreign Voyages of discovery, as well as others which have been procured by the more modern collectors.

The species contained in the Museum Collection, from one or other of the localities noticed, are exemplified by the letters B.M. It may further be observed, that specimens of some of the other species, noted in the Catalogue, may also be seen in the Museum Collection as from other localities.

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AVES.

FALCONIDÆ.

PANDION HALIAËTUS (?).

*Falco haliaëtus*, Forst. Descr.\* &c. p. 257.

Isle of Pines (Island of Spruce Trees); Tonga Islands (Tongatabu or Tonga Island).

PANDION (POLIOAËTUS) SOLITARIUS.

*Buteo solitarius*, Peale, U. S. Expl. Exped. p. 62.

*Pandion (Polioaëtus) solitarius*, Cass. U. S. Expl. Exped. (1858)  
p. 97. pl. 4.

Sandwich Islands or Isle de la Mesa (Hawaii or Owhyhee).

CUNCUMA LEUCOGASTER.

*Falco leucogaster*, Gmel. S. N. i. p. 257.

*Falco blagrus*, Daud. Tr. d'Orn. ii. p. 70?

*Haliaëtus leucogaster*, Gould, Syn. of B. Austr. iii. p.

*Haliaëtus sphenurus*, Gould, Syn. of B. Austr. iii. p.

*Cuncuma leucogaster*, G. R. Gray.

*Haliaëtus (Pontoaëtus) leucogaster*, Kaup.

*Ichthyaëtus leucogaster*, Gould, B. of Austr. i. pl. 3.

New Ireland (Port Praslin).

\* Descr. Anim., edit. by Lichtenstein, 1844.

**HALIASTUR LEUCOSTERNUS, VRF.***Haliastur leucosternus*, G. R. Gray, List of B. B.M. i. p. 13.*Falco ponticerianus*, Shaw, Nat. Misc. pl. 389.*Haliaëtus leucosternus*, Gould, Proc. Z. S. 1837, p. 138; B. of Austr. i. pl. 4.*Haliaëtus (Ictinoëtus) leucosternus*, Kaup.

New Ireland (Carteret Harbour).

**HALIASTUR SPHENURUS.***Milvus sphenurus*, Vieill. N. Dict. Hist. Nat. xx. p. 564.*Haliaëtus canorus*, Vig. & Horsf. Linn. Trans. xv. p. 187.*Haliastur? sphenurus*, Gould, B. of Austr. i. pl. 5.

New Caledonia (Port S. Vincent).

**ACCIPITER APPROXIMANS.***Astur approximans*, Vig. & Horsf. Linn. Trans. xv. p. 181; Gould, B. of Austr. i. pl. 17.

New Caledonia (Island of Nu).

**ACCIPITER HAPLOCHROUS.***Accipiter haplochrous*, Sclater, Ibis, 1859, p. 275. pl. 8.

New Caledonia (Island of Nu).

**ACCIPITER RUFITORQUES.**

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*Astur rufitorques*, Peale, U. S. Expl. Exped. p. 68.*Accipiter rufitorques*, Pucher. Voy. au Pôle Sud, i. p. 49.

Voy. au Pôle Sud, Ois. t. 2. f. 2.

U. S. Expl. Exped. pl. 2. f. 1, 2.

'Manu levu' of the natives.

Feejee or Fiji or Fedjee or Fidjee or Fidschi Islands, or Iles Viti (Ovolau).

**CIRCUS ASSIMILIS.***Circus assimilis*, Jard. & Selby, Ill. of Orn. pl. 51; Cass. U. S. Expl. Exped. (1858) p. 101.*Circus approximans*, Peale, U. S. Expl. Exped. p. 64.

Feejee Islands (Venua or Vanua Levu or Tacanova or Paoo or Kautau).

**STRIGIDÆ.****ATHENE FORSTERII.***Strix bakkamuna?*, Forst. Descr. &c. pp. 157, 256.*Athene Forsteri* (Forster), Pr. B. Consp. Av. i. p. 42.*Strix Forsteri*, (Bp.) Hartl. Wieg. Arch. für Naturg. 1852, p. 130.

Tonga Islands (Tongatabu or Amsterdam Island, Annamooka or Anamooka or Namouka or Rotterdam Island, Tupai); New Hebrides or New Cyclades or Archip. de Quiros (Tanna).

## ATHENE TANIATA.

*Athene taniata*, Homb. & Jacq. Voy. au Pôle Sud, i. p. 50. t. 3. f. 1.

*Athene Jacquinoti*, Pr. B. Consp. Av. i. p. 29.

Solomon or Salomon Islands or New Georgia (St. George).

## ATHENE VARIEGATA.

*Noctua variegata*, Quoy & Gaim. Voy. de l'Astrol. i. p. 166. t. 1. f. 2.

*Athene variegata*, G. R. Gray, Gen. of B. i. p. 35.

New Ireland (Carteret Harbour).

## OTUS BRACHYOTUS, var.

*Otus brachyotus*, (Wils.) Peale, U. S. Expl. Exped. p. 75.

*Brachyotus galapagoensis*, (Gould) Cass. U. S. Expl. Exped. (1858) p. 107.

*Strix sandwicensis*, Bloxb. Byron's Voy. p. 250.

'Puaho' or 'Pouhou' of the natives of the Sandwich Islands.

'Monmou' of the natives of the Ladrone Islands.

Sandwich Islands; Ladrone or Marian or Marianne Islands.

## STRIX DELICATULA.

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*Strix delicatula*, (Gould)? G. R. Gray, List of Accip. 1848, p. 110; Cass. U. S. Expl. Exped. (1858) p. 105.

*Strix lulu*, Peale, U. S. Expl. Exped. p. 74.

'Lulu' of the natives of the Samoan Islands.

Samoan or Navigators' Islands, or Hamoa; Feejee Islands (Ovalau); Tonga Islands (Tongatabu) †

## HIRUNDINIDÆ.

## COLLOCALIA CINEREA.

*Ash-bellied Swallow*, Lath. Gen. Syn. ii. p. 573.

*Hirundo peruviana*, Forst. Descr. &c. p. 240; G. Forst. Icon. ined. 168\*.

*Hirundo cinerea*, pt., Gmel. S. N. i. p. 1026.

*Macropteryx leucophæus*, Peale, U. S. Expl. Exped. p. 178.

*Collocalia cinerea*, (Gm.) Cass. U. S. Expl. Exped. (1858) p. 113. pl. 12. f. 4.

*Herse peruviana*, Hartl. Wiegmann. Arch. für Naturg. 1852, p. 130.

*Cypselus leucophæa*, Pr. B. Rivista Contemp. 1857, p. .

'Hoepa' of the natives of the Society Islands.

Society Islands or Iles Taiti or K. George's Isles (Otaheite or Tahiti); Friendly Islands (Apye or Api or Hapai or Hapace? or Haabai? or Galvez Islands).

## COLLOCALIA SPODIOPYGIA.

B.M.

*Macropteryx spodiopygia*, Peale, U. S. Expl. Exped. i. p. 176.

\* Collection of Drawings made during Cook's Second Voyage in the years 1772-75, in the Banksian Collection of the British Museum.