

SCIURUS CLARKII.—SMITH.

CLARK'S SQUIRREL.

SYNONYME.

SCIURUS CLARKII, Clark's Squirrel.—Griffiths, Cuvier, vol. iii., p. 189.

DESCRIPTION.

Back, upper parts of the head and neck, cheeks and tail, of a delicate silver grey colour ; the shoulders, flanks, belly, and posterior extremities, both within and without, are white with a slight ochreous tint ; on the sides of the nose and the fore-legs this tint deepens in intensity ; the head is rather flattened and thick, the ears small and round ; eyes black, and situated on the sides of the head very far distant from each other, leaving a wide expanse of forehead. The nostrils are semilunar in shape ; the upper lip is cleft, and there is a black spot on the chin.

The tail, which is flat and spreading, is very beautiful, not so full near its interior as towards the middle, and again diminishing in breadth until it terminates in a point.

GENERAL REMARKS.

We are greatly inclined to consider this squirrel as identical with *Sciurus Fossor*, of PEALE, which we have figured and described. Should other specimens of this species not be found and more positively determined, it would perhaps be better to retain the name of SCIURUS CLARKII, and give *S. Fossor* as a synonyme.



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