ZOOLOGY OF JAVA.

Temminck, in the Fauna Japonica, states, that he knows 82 kinds of mammalia, 455 birds, and 90 species of amphibia, as inhabiting that island, although the interior is almost entirely unknown.

ON THE TWO SPECIES OF ECHIDNA, BY J. E. GRAY.

Sir E. Home, in his paper in the Phil. Trans. for 1802, figured two specimens of this animal, and Cuvier (Regne Animal, vol. i. p. 225,) considered them as two species, naming the one Echidna Hystrix, and the other E. setosa; but most succeeding zoologists have regarded them as a single species, some considering the latter as either the winter state, others as the young of the former. The specimens which we have in the British Museum show that they are very distinct species, coming from different countries, and differing more in the colour of the fur than in the length of the spines. The E. Hystrix, Cuv. (Myrmecophaga aculeata, Shaw, Misc. Nat. t. 109, O. Hystrix, Home, tab. at p. 340,) is black, and came from the continent of New Holland, while E. setosa, Cuv. (Home, tab. at p. 341?), is brown, with a blackish spot on the orbit: this is confined to Van Diemen's Land. They both grow to the same size: the full grown are nearly eighteen inches long.

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