CASUARIUS AUSTRALIS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum depresso, rectum, subconicum.

Nares ovatae.

Alae brevissimae, volatui inutiles.

Femora in parte inferiore denudata.

Pedes tridactyli, digitis omnibus anticis.

Cauda nulla.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 664.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CASUARIUS FUSCUS, vertice inermi.

STRUTHIO CASUARIUS.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 265.

CASUARIUS NOVAE HOLLANDIAE.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 665.

Inter aves quas protulit ingens illa insula Nova Hollandia (ni continens potius appelletur) insignis est quæ in tabula depingitur Casuarii species; a communi seu Africana adeo discrepans, ut dubitari non possit illam penitus et revera diversam esse. Magnitudine enim est multo majori, alta interdum, ad minus, pedes septem. Color imus cinereo-fuscus, subtus pallidior. Caret caput galea seu crista illa cornea, quæ speciem commu-

nem distinguit. Collum præterea loco rugosæ illius et rubræ cæruleæque cutis, et caruncularum quæ in Africana conspicuæ, pennis parvis vestitur, per quas ipsa cutis in hac parte leviter cærulea vix ac ne vix discerni possit. In apicibus alarum, quæ ad volandum inutiles, unguiculus est incurvatus et acutus. Crura validissima, nigricantia, et in parte postica conspicue ferrata. Rostrum ejusdem fere coloris cum cruribus.

THE
SOUTHERN CASSOWARY.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill depressed, strait, nearly conical.

Wings extremely small, and unfit for flight.

Feet tridactylous, with all the toes standing forward.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

DARK-BROWN CASSOWARY with unarmed head.

NEW-HOLLAND CASSOWARY.

White's Voyage, pl. 1. p. 129.

One of the most remarkable birds which the continent of New Holland has yet afforded is a species of Cassowary which differs from the common or African kind in so many respects as to leave no doubt of its being perfectly distinct. In size it is considerably superior to the common Cassowary, having been seen of the height of at least seven feet. Its general colour is a sort of cinereous brown, somewhat paler beneath. The head is destitute of that horny crest which so strikingly distinguishes the African species; and the neck instead of being furnished with a wrinkled longitudinal red-and-blue skin and wattles as in that bird, is covered

with small feathers, through which the skin, which is of a bluish colour in that part, is just visible. The wings are perfectly useless for flight, and at the tip of each is a small, sharp, crooked spur or claw. The legs are very strong, of a blackish colour, and of a serrated appearance on the hinder part. The beak is of nearly the same colour with the legs.

Shaw, George. 1792. "The Southern Cassowary, *Casuarius australis* [Pl. 99]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 3(XXXIII), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.304519>.

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