TANTALUS GANGETICUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum longum, subulatum, teretiusculum, sub-
arcuatum.

Facies ultra oculos nuda.

Lingua brevis, lata.

Saccus jugularis nudus.

Nares ovatae.

Pedes tetradactyli, basi palmati.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 240.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TANTALUS albus, tectricibus alarum remi-
gibusque nigricantibus, uropygio roseo.

TANTALUS leucocephalus.

Lath. ind. orn. 2. p. 706.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 649.

In India innascitur Tantalus Gangeticus; mag-
nitudine Ciconiam æquans vel superans. In Cey-
lonia quoque, aliisque insulis indicis conspicitur.
Rostrum flavum. *Pedes* carnei.

THE GANGETIC IBIS.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill long, thick at the base, incurvated.
Face, and sometimes the whole head, naked.
Nostrils linear.
Tongue short.
Toes connected at the base by a membrane.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

White IBIS, with the wing-coverts and remiges
blackish; the tail-coverts rose-coloured.

White-headed IBIS.

Penn. Ind. Zool. p. 47. t. 11.

Lath. Syn. 3. p. 116.

The Gangetic Ibis is a native of India, and is also found in Ceylon and other Indian islands. In size it is equal, or rather superior to the common Stork. The bill is yellow: the legs pale rose-color.

Shaw, George. 1797. "The Gangetic Ibis, *Tantalus gangeticus* [Pl. 293]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 8(XCV), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310836>.

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