TANTALUS CRISTATUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum longum, subulatum, teretiusculum, subarcuatum.

Facies ultra oculos nuda.

Lingua brevis, lata.

Saccus jugularis nudus.

Nares ovatæ.

Pedes tetradactyli, palmati.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 240.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TANTALUS CRISTATUS. T. cristatus ferrugineus, capite crisso caudaque nigris, alis albis.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 709.

TANTALUS CRISTATUS. T. facie pallida, capite, colli parte, cauda et crisso nigris, cristæ occipitis longæ pennis partim albis partim nigris, corpore ferrugineo, alis exalbidis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 650.

Insulam Madagascariam incolit Tantalus cristatus eadem fere magnitudine qua Numenius Arquata. In elegantissimis sui generis merito numerari possit.

THE
CRESTED IBIS.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill long, thick at the base, incurvated.

Face, and sometimes the whole head, naked.

Nostrils linear.

Tongue short.

Toes connected by a membrane.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

CRESTED IBIS. Ferruginous Ibis, with black
and white crested head, and white wings.

Lath. syn. 3. p. 118.

Courlis huppé de Madagascar.

Buff. ois. 8. p. 33. *Pl. Enl.* 841.

The present species of Ibis, which is about the size
of the common Curlew, is an inhabitant of the island
of Madagascar, and may justly be considered as one of
the most elegant birds of its genus.

Shaw, George. 1805. "The Crested Ibis, *Tantalus cristatus* [Pl. 721]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 17(CXCV), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.311158>.

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