rather long, arched, much compressed, acute. Plumage very loose and full. Short bristles at the base of the bill. Feathers of the head elongated and silky in the adults. Wings of ordinary length, with the first quill very small, the fourth and fifth longest. Tail of ordinary length, emarginate.

CUVIER'S KINGLET.

† *REGULUS CUVIERII*, Aud.

PLATE CXXXI.—MALE.

I named this pretty and rare species after Baron CUVIER, not merely by way of acknowledgment for the kind attentions which I received at the hands of that deservedly celebrated naturalist, but as a homage due by every student of nature to one unrivalled in the knowledge of General Zoology.

I shot the bird represented in the Plate, on my father-in-law's plantation of Fatland Ford, on the Schuylkill river in Pennsylvania, on the 8th of June, 1812, while on a visit to my honoured relative Mr. WILLIAM BAKEWELL. The drawing which I then made I kept for a long time without having described the bird from which it was taken. I killed this little bird, supposing it to be one of its relatives, the Ruby-crowned Kinglet, whilst it was searching for insects and larvæ amongst the leaves and blossoms of the *Kalmia latifolia*, on a branch of which you see it represented, and was not aware of its being a different bird until I picked it up from the ground. I have not seen another since, nor have I been able to learn that this species has been observed by any other individual. It might, however, be very easily mistaken for the Ruby-crowned Kinglet, the manners of which appear to be much the same.

The *Kalmia latifolia* grows in great profusion in the State of Pennsylvania, and along the range of the Alleghanies, in all rocky and hilly situations.

CUVIER'S CRESTED WREN, *Regulus Cuvierii*, Nutt. Man., vol. i. p. 416.

CUVIER'S REGULUS, *Regulus Cuvierii*, Aud. Orn. Biog., vol. i. p. 288.

Bill short, straight, subulate, very slender, compressed, with inflected

edges; upper mandible nearly straight in its dorsal outline, the edges slightly notched close upon the slightly declinate acute tip; lower mandible straight, acute. Nostrils basal, elliptical, half closed above by a membrane, covered over by the feathers. The whole form slender. Legs rather long; tarsus slender, much compressed, longer than the middle toe, covered anteriorly with a few indistinct scutella; toes scutellate, the lateral ones nearly equal and free; hind toe stouter; claws weak, compressed, arched, acute.

Plumage very loose and tufty. Bristles at the base of the bill; a small decomposed feather covering the nostril. Wings of ordinary length, the third and fourth primaries longest. Tail of twelve feathers, emarginate.

Bill black. Iris hazel. Feet yellowish-brown. The general colour of the upper parts is dull greyish-olive. Forehead, lore, and a line behind the eye, black. A semilunar band of the same on the top of the head, the middle space vermilion. Wings and tail dusky, edged with greenish-yellow. Secondary coverts tipped with greyish-white. Under parts greyish-white.

Length $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches, extent of wings 6; bill along the ridge nearly $\frac{1}{3}$, along the gap nearly $\frac{1}{2}$; tarsus $\frac{3}{4}$.

THE BROAD-LEAVED KALMIA, OR LAUREL.

KALMIA LATIFOLIA, *Willd.* Sp. Pl. vol. ii. p. 600. *Pursch*, Fl. Amer., vol. i. p. 296.—DECANDRIA MONOGYNIA, *Linn.*—RHODODENDRA, *Juss.*

This beautiful species is characterized by its scattered, petiolate, elliptical leaves, which are smooth, and nearly of the same colour on both sides; and its terminal, viscid, and pubescent corymbs. It is a middle-sized shrub, sometimes attaining a height of eight or ten feet. The leaves are evergreen, as in the other species, and the flowers of a delicate pink.

♂
Cuvier's Kinglet
Male.
Broad-leaved Laurel. Kalmia latifolia.

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