CAPRIMULGUS VOCIFERANS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum modice incurvum, minimum, subulatum, basi depressum.

Vibrissæ ad os serie ciliari.

Rictus amplissimus.

Lingua acuta integerrima.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

Caprimulgus vociferans. C. griseus, lunula gulari albida, subtus ochraceus fusco lineatus, alis ferrugineis nigro nebulosis.

Caprimulgus vociferus.

Wilson Amer. Orn. 5. pl. 4.

Americæ septentrionalis plerasque regiones æstivo tempore incolit Caprimulgus vociferans. Hunc cum specie diversa confudisse videntur ornithologi. Vocem emittit insigniter resonam, quam montibus et sylvis re-percussam si audierint novi advenæ, somnos adimere dicitur nimius et insolitus cantus. Speciem accurate descripsit ingeniosus Wilsonus, a quo discimus interdum rarissime et non nisi fortuito conspici, vescique, aliorum more congenerum, phalænis majoribus, gryllis, formicis, et insectis quæ plurima reperiuntur in putridis et effoetis arboribus. Admonet porro Wilsonus feminam mari esse minorem seu breviorē, coloribus paulo pallidioribus.

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THE
VOCIFEROUS GOATSUCKER.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill very small, slightly hooked, depressed at the base, and ciliated with bristles.

Gape very wide.

Tongue entire, and sharp-pointed.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Grey Goatsucker, with whitish gular crescent, beneath ochre-coloured with brown lineations, and ferruginous wings clouded with black.

Caprimulgus vociferus, or Whip-Poor-Will.

Wilson Amer. Zool. 5. pl. 4.

The present bird, hitherto confounded by ornithologists with a different species, is an inhabitant, during the summer months, of most of the United States of North America, and is remarkable for the loudness of its notes, which, echoing from the woods and mountains, are said to prevent those from sleeping who have not been accustomed to the sound. The ingenious Mr. Wilson, in his work entitled *American Ornithology*, has accurately described this species, and observes, that it is never seen in the day-time, except in particular circumstances; and that its food, like that of the rest of this genus, consists of large moths, grasshoppers and ants, as well as of other insects frequenting old and decaying trees. Mr. Wilson adds, that the female is rather smaller or shorter than the male, and of somewhat paler colours.

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