PSEUDOSTOMA CASTANOPS.—BAIRD.

CHESTNUT-CHEEKED POUCHED RAT.

(In STANSBURY'S Report of the Expedition to the Great Salt Lake, p. 313.)

DESCRIPTION.

General colour pale yellowish brown. There is an ample patch of light chestnut on the side of the head and face, deepest above. The dorsal line is not darker than the rest of the fur. Size intermediate between *P. borealis* and *P. bursarius*.

COLOUR.

The colour of the fur above is slightly grizzled, and much lighter than in *P. bursarius*; beneath paler; throat, space between the fore legs and arms pale rusty. The chestnut marking on the side of the head is very strongly defined, occupying on each side a nearly circular space of about one and three quarter inches in diameter, with the ear as the centre. These chestnut spaces do not quite meet on the crown and occiput, but leave a rectilinear interval, coloured like the rest of the back, of about one-eighth of an inch in width. On the muzzle, however, from above the eyes the colour of the opposite sides is confluent. The hind feet and toes are thinly covered with whitish hairs, which on the fore feet appear more ferruginous.

The claws are white, but sufficiently transparent to allow the coagulated blood to show through them.

DIMENSIONS.

	Inches
Length to base of tail (approximate), - - - - -	8
“ of tail, - - - - -	2 $\frac{5}{8}$
“ “ hand (along the palm), - - - - -	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
“ “ middle anterior claw, - - - - -	$\frac{1}{2}$
“ “ hind feet (along sole) from heel, - - - - -	1 $\frac{3}{8}$

HABITS.

This beautiful species was collected by Lieutenant ABERT, on the prairie road to BENT's fork.

The above description and remark we have taken from Prof. BAIRD, with scarcely any alteration.

We have added an English name to the animal.

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