LANIUS ERYTHROPTERUS.

1. Male. 2. Female.

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Genus LANIUS, *Auct.*

TAB. XI.

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Masc. *Lan. nuchâ dorsoque griseis ; capite supra, alis, caudâque atris ; corpore subtùs, strigû superciliari, remigumque apicibus albis ; alis maculâ latâ rubrâ notatis.*

Fœm. *Capite griseo ; dorso, alis, rectricibusque virescenti-olivaceo notatis ; harum apicibus flavis.*

Longitudo corporis, $6\frac{3}{4}$ unc. ; alæ, $3\frac{1}{2}$; caudæ, $2\frac{1}{4}$; tarsi, $1\frac{1}{2}$; rostri, $\frac{7}{8}$.

THE collection contained two or three pairs of this singular bird, which are the only specimens that have ever come under our notice. The shortness of the tail, the elongation of the *tarsi*, and the general contour of the body, indicate a departure from any of the more typical forms of the genus to which it is provisionally assigned, and we yet wait for some account of its habits and manners to ascertain its relative situation in nature. The sexes offer well-contrasted differences in the colour of their plumage.

In the male the crown, back of the neck, wings and tail are black with green reflections,—with this exception, that the tips of the quill-feathers are white, and the secondaries fine rich chestnut ; the whole of the back and rump are grey ; the throat, breast and under parts white with a roseate tinge, especially about the flanks and thighs. The upper mandible is black, the under grey ; the tarsi yellow.

In the female the head and occiput are dark grey ; the back light brown ; the shoulders olive green, as are the edges of the quill-feathers, which are otherwise black and tipped with white as in the male ; the tail is olive green verging into black, each feather being tipped with yellow ; the breast and under parts are of a dull brownish white ; beak and tarsi as in the male.

The figures are of the natural size.

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