CARRULUS LANCEOLATUS.

Male.

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TABB. XXXIX. ET XL.

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Garr. vinaceo-badius; capite subcristato, gulâ, jugulo, alisque atris; collo anteriori albo lanceolato; pteromatibus remigibusque cœruleo fasciatis, illis albo terminatis; caudâ cœruleâ, nigro fasciatâ, fasciâ latâ apicali albo terminatâ notatâ.

Longitudo corporis, 12 unc.

THE present species, although resembling the Jays in the general colouring of its plumage, can scarcely be considered as typical in the group; its more graduated tail and less robustly formed bill indicating a strong tendency to the *Picæ*, or Pies. The close affinity in form and colour which the *Garrulus lanceolatus* bears to some species inhabiting the United States and Mexico, is worthy of remark as a corroboration of the fact, so often insisted on, that similar forms of ornithology are found in countries widely separated from each other whose temperatures are alike.

We have no accounts respecting the habits of the present species, which appears to be strictly confined to the Himalayan mountains and the adjacent hills of Nepâl, as no specimens have been noticed in collections from any other part of India.

The head is ornamented with a black crest, each feather having traces of faint fine bars of blue; the sides of the face and the back of the neck are black; the throat is covered with white elongated lanceolate feathers; the back and under parts are vinous grey; the shoulders black; the feathers of the bastard wing white, except a few which are barred with black, and blue at their base; the primaries and secondaries are broadly barred with blue and black, each feather being tipped with white; the tail is barred alternately with black and blue, and tipped with white.

The male and female are figured of their natural size.

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