HAMATORNIS UNDULATUS.

3/4 Nat. Size.

Ordo RAPTORES.

Fam. FALCONIDÆ.

Stirps AQUILINA.

Genus HÆMATORNIS.

CHARACTERES GENERICI.

Rostrum subforte, satis elongatum; mandibulâ superiori ad basin rectâ, ad apicem valdè curvatâ; naribus ovalibus, obliquè in cerâ positis.

Alæ longæ, subrotundatæ; *remige* primâ subbrevis; secundâ tertiâque longioribus; quartâ quintâque ferè æqualibus, longissimis; cæteris gradatim decrecentibus.

Pedes subdebiles, subelongati; *tarsis* rugosis, squamatim reticulatis; *digitis* subbrevibus, reticulatis; *unguibus* fortibus.

Cauda satis longa, subrotundata.

TAB. I.

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Hæm. suprà intensè brunneus, subtùs brunnescenti-rufus; *pectore fusco undulatim fasciato*; *abdomine ocellis albis brunneo circumdatis notato*; *capite cristato, ptilis caudâque nigro-brunneis, illo saturatiore, plumis cristæ ad basin albis ad apicem rufescenti marginatis*; *rectricibus fasciâ latâ in medio, margineque gracili ad apicem rufescenti-albidis notatis*; *regione carpalî ocellis albis parvis maculatâ.*

Longitudo corporis, 2 ped. 4 unc.; *alæ* a carpo ad apicem remigis 4tæ, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$; *rostri*, 2; *caudæ*, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$; *tarsi*, 4; *digiti mediî*, ungue excluso, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$.

THE group which is characterized above, is at present composed of three well-defined species, according accurately with each other in their general structure, and differing merely in slight, but still well-marked modifications of specific character. From their comparative strength of body, the straight base and lengthened shape of the bill, and the bold habits which are known to belong to one at least of the species, they seem allied to that division of the *Falconidæ* which includes the *Eagles*; while some of their minuter peculiarities, particularly the rugose hexagonal scales of the *acrotarsia*, apparently bring them into immediate alliance with the *Ospreys*, or the genus *Pandion* of M. Savigny.

Two specimens of the species now described have been examined; one belonging to Mr. Gould's original collection, the second to a collection lately sent to this country by Mr. Hodgson, the British Resident at Nepâl. Both specimens correspond in their markings, but differ in size, the latter being about one fourth larger; a difference which may probably be attributed to sex. In both birds the colour of the back and wings is of an intense brown. The head is crested; the feathers white at the base, of a dark brown nearly approaching to black at the end, the hind ones being margined with a light rufous band at the apex. The wing-coverts near the carpal joint are deep brown marked with small white spots; the quill-feathers fuscous, darker at the apex, and marked with white towards the base of the interior web; the cere, base of the beak and legs are yellow; the claws black.

The Plate represents the bird three fourths of its natural size.

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