1. PARUS ERYTHROCEPHALUS.

2. _____ MELANOLOPHUS.

TAB. XXX. Fig. 1.

PARUS ERYTHROCEPHALUS.

Par. supra pallidè brunnescenti-canus, subtus rufescenti-albus; gulâ, strigâ superciliari, rectricumque lateralium pogoniis externis albis; capite supra rufo; strigâ latâ per oculos ad nucham extendente, thoraceque atris.

Statura *Par. pendulini*, Linn.

THIS delicate little bird, one of the smallest of its tribe, is interesting not only from its being entirely new to science, but from its pleasing colours and elegance of form; the head and upper parts, indeed, may be noticed as being of a tint very unlike that found among the genus *Parus* in general, in whose plumage grey, green or brown are usually more or less predominant. The specimen from which the figure was taken is the only one hitherto received in England, and is believed to inhabit the loftier portions of the Himalayan range.

The upper surface is of a general ashy brown; the top of the head dark rufous; a white superciliary line passes over the eye; the space between the beak and eye, and the cheeks, are black; the throat white; the middle of the neck black, bordered by a white line extending from the throat; the under parts are white with a wash of rufous; beak black; tarsi flesh colour.

The figure is of the natural size.

TAB. XXX. Fig. 2.

PARUS MELANOLOPHUS.

Par. griseus; capite cristato pectoreque atris; genarum, nuchæ, tegminumque alarum maculis albis; remigibus rectricibusque fuscis; maculâ sub alis rufâ.

Staturâ *Par. atro* paulò minor.

THIS is another of the same beautiful group as the last, and inhabits the same locality. It bears, however, a still closer resemblance to the smaller Titmice of Europe; its markings and general form being nearly the same, while it is adorned with a crest equal in size to that of our crested species, *Parus cristatus*.

The head is covered with a black crest; the sides of the cheeks and occiput are white; the sides of the neck and the whole of the breast, black; the back is black tinged with silvery grey; the wings and tail brown; the sides of the chest and under tail-coverts rufous; the bill is black; the tarsi brown.

The Plate represents the bird of the natural size.

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