TAB. XXXII.

PYRRHULA ERYTHROCEPHALA.

Pyrr. capite suprâ, nuchâ, pectoreque rufis; dorso, scapularibus, gutture, abdomineque imo cinereis; fronte, regione rictali, gulâ, remigibus, alarum tectricibus, rectricibusque intensè atris; fasciâ alarum, uropygio, crissoque albis.

Longitudo corporis, 6 unc.

THIS entirely new and undescribed species of *Pyrrhula*, to which the name of *Erythrocephala* has been given, possesses the general characteristics of the common Bulfinch of Europe, except in the form of the tail, which is decidedly forked, while in our bird it is even; and in the colour of the head, which is bright rufous inclining to scarlet, instead of being black as in our native species.

The occurrence of the species in the collections of Europe is very rare. At the time of the publication of the "Century" one specimen only was known, from which the figure and description are taken, and which belonged to the Addisonian Museum of Glasgow. Since that period two specimens have arrived in England, of which one is to be found in the British Museum, the other in the Museum of the Zoological Society. These three are the only specimens which we know to have been brought to Europe.

No positive account has yet reached us respecting the habits and manners of this species; nor indeed are we aware of the precise limit of its habitat, though we have every reason to believe it not to extend beyond the mountain districts of continental India.

A black band encircles the base of the beak; the top of the head, occiput, and back of the neck, are bright rufous with a tinge of scarlet; the back olive grey, as are also the shoulders with a band of black; the quills and tail are bright jet black, with blueish green reflections; the rump white; the under parts white with a wash of bright rufous; the bill black; the tarsi brown.

The Plate represents the bird of the natural size.

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