PICUS SHARPII.

TAB. XLIX.

PICUS SHORII.

Pic. suprâ aurantio-viridis; capite cristato, dorso uropygioque coccineis; subtùs albus; strigâ postoculari, alterâ a rictu extendente, nuchâ, remigibus, rectricibus, notisque squamosis pectoris abdominisque atris; thorace pallidè grisescenti-brunneo.

Longitudo corporis, 12 unc.

THIS very brilliantly coloured species of Woodpecker we have very great pleasure in naming after the Hon. C. J. Shore, through whose researches in Ornithology, while in India, it was first made known, and who with the utmost kindness and liberality allowed the accompanying Plate to be drawn from a specimen in his collection. This specimen, which was the only one Mr. Shore was so fortunate as to procure, exhibits a close affinity with *Picus tiga*, Horsf., a well known inhabitant of the Indian Archipelago, as well in colouring as in the absence of the inner hind toe, which in both birds is represented only by a rudimentary tubercle.

The head is covered with an elongated crest, which with the rump is of a rich scarlet; a white line extends from the base of the upper mandible to the occiput, edging the scarlet of the head; below this white line a black band, beginning behind the eye, passes through the ear-coverts to the back of the neck, where it is spread as far as to the back; the cheeks and sides of the neck are white, separated from the throat and fore-part by a wavy black line passing from the gape to the sides of the chest; a brownish mark borders the base of the inferior mandible; the throat is white; the back orange, passing off into various tints of scarlet on the shoulders and wing-coverts, and on the rump into bright scarlet; the quills, tail, and upper tail-coverts, are black; the under surface is dirty brownish white, with black scales; the bill and tarsi black.

The bird is figured of the natural size.

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