



ODONTOPHORUS BALLIVIANI: Gould.

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Ballivian's Partridge.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Od. capite cristâque ferrugineo-rufis; infra et pone oculum latâ aterrimâ maculâ, supra et subter lineâ rubro-cervinâ marginatâ; corpore inferiore, castaneo-fusco, nigro minutissimè maculato; plumis singulis maculâ albâ ornatis.

Head and crest rich rusty red; beneath and behind the eye a broad patch of deep black, bounded above and below by a stripe of reddish buff; upper surface olive, minutely freckled with black; the feathers of the centre of the back and scapularies with a fine line of buffy white down the apical half of the stem, with a small double spot of black on their inner, and a large patch of black, bounded above and below with rusty red, on their outer webs; primaries and secondaries brown, crossed with irregular bands of rusty red, freckled with black; under surface dark chestnut-brown or coffee-colour, minutely freckled with black, each feather with an irregularly-shaped patch of white, bordered with black near the centre, giving the whole of the under surface a singularly rich and sparkling appearance; bill black; feet lead-colour.

Total length, 12 inches; *bill*, 1; *wing*, 6½; *tail*, 2¾; *tarsi*, 2; *middle toe and nail*, 2½.

Odontophorus Balliviani, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part XIV. p. 69.

For our knowledge of this remarkably fine species we are indebted to the researches of Mr. Bridges in Bolivia. To no one member of the genus to which it belongs, need it yield the palm in size, or in the beauty and colour of its markings. At the request of Mr. Bridges, I have named it *Balliviani* in honour of General Ballivian, President of the Republic of Bolivia, who afforded him every facility in his power for the prosecution of his researches, and whose love of science renders him worthy of such a compliment.

Habitat. The forests of Cocapata in the Department of Cochabamba, in Bolivia.

The figures are of the size of life, from specimens procured by Mr. Bridges.



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