HEMIPODIUS VARIUS, Temm.

Fig. 1.

Hem., capite nuchâque letâ brunneis, albo maculatis, fasciis magnis fuscis; buccis lineâque supra oculum albâs plumis ad apicem nigris; guld cano-fusco; lateribus colût et dorso rufo-brunneis; dorso infe-
riore, uropyngeo, et tetricibus caude, fasciis castaneo-rufis et nigris alternatis, dorso sepalisque
lineis nigris et albis notatis; alis rufis, plumis singulis albo maculatis, posîci maculâ nigrâ;
remigibus primaribus brunneis; pectore lateribusque olivaceis, plumis singulis maculâ triangularâ
da apicem flavescenti-allât; abdomen tetricibusque cauda inferioribus flavo-albidis; rostro
pallide olivaceo-fusco; pedibus pallidâ carneis.

Long. tot. 8 unc.; rostri, \( \frac{3}{2} \); alae, 4; cauda, \( 1\frac{3}{4} \); tarsi, \( \frac{3}{4} \).

Crown of the head, nape, and forehead rich brown, spotted with white, and transversely rayed with
large markings of brown; feathers of the cheeks and a stripe over each eye white, slightly fringed with
black at their tips; throat greyish white; back and sides of the neck and mantle rich rufous brown;
feathers of the back, rump, and upper tail-coverts transversely rayed with chestnut-red and black,
the former and the scapularies striped laterally with black and white; wings rufous, each feather
spotted with white, which is bounded posteriorly with an irregular spot of black; primaries brown;
chest and flanks olive, each feather having a triangular yellowish white spot at the tip; centre of the
abdomen and under tail-coverts yellowish white; bill light olive brown; legs light brown.


Habitat. Australia: locality, New South Wales or Van Diemen’s Land.

HEMIPODIUS MELANOGASTER, Gould.

Fig. 2.

Hem. capite, auriculis, guld abdomenque nigris; lineâ super oculum oriente et ad nucham excurren
te, plumis singulis maculâ ad apicem albd; nuchâe plumis nigris et castaneis, maculis pluribus
albis; dorso superiore castaneo-fusco, plumis singulis maculâ albd, lineis duobus nigris cum
fasciâ unicae nigrae apicali; scapulis, tetricibus primariis secundariisque rufo-brunneis, plumis
singulis maculâ albd vel castaneis, maculis pluribus; dorso inferioribus flavo-albidis; rostro
pallide olivaceo-fusco; pedibus pallidâ carneis.

Long. tot. 8\( \frac{1}{2} \) unc.; rostri, 1; alae, 4\( \frac{1}{4} \); cauda, 1\( \frac{3}{4} \); tarsi, 1\( \frac{1}{4} \).

Crown of the head, ear-coverts, throat, and centre of the abdomen black; over each eye extends a
line of feathers having each a small white spot at the tip; this line extends to the nape, which part is
also thickly spotted with white on a black and chestnut-coloured ground; feathers on the sides of the
chest and flanks black, having a large crescent-shaped marking of white near the tip; mantle and
upper part of the back rich chestnut brown, each feather having a spot of white and a stripe of black
on each side, and barred with black at or near the tip; shoulders, greater and lesser wing-coverts
rufous brown, each feather having a white spot surrounded with a black line; primaries dark brown;
thighs and upper and under tail-coverts brown freckled and crossed with black; bill light brown; feet
flesh colour.


Remark. The present bird exceeds all other known species in size, and is not inferior in the richness
and beauty of its colouring to any of its allies.

In the Collection of the Zoological Society of London, and in the Museum of King’s College.

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