ACCIPITER NIGER.

Fig. 1.

Acc. toto corpore, fuscescenti-nigro; primariis ad basin albis, brunneis versus apicem, nigroque fasciatis; secondariis nigrescenti-cinereis, fusco fasciatis; caudâ nigrâ, fasciis quatuor griscescenti-brunneis ornâtâ; rostro obscûrè corneo; tarsi flavis.

Long. tot. 13 unc.; rostri, —; alæ, 8; cauda, 6½; tarsi, 2.

All the body uniform brownish black; primaries white at the base, passing into light brown towards the tip, each feather crossed by bars of black, which are three-quarters of an inch apart; secondaries blackish grey, crossed by bars of a darker colour; tail black, crossed by four distinct bands of greyish brown, which are much lighter on the under surface; bill blackish horn colour; tarsi yellow.


Remark. In the Collection of the British Museum there are two specimens of this bird, which answer to Vieillot’s description of his Sparvius niger, and which are said to have been received from Australia; but as M. Vieillot states that his species is from Senegal, I give it with a mark of doubt as to its being an inhabitant of Australia.

Habitat. Australia?

ACCIPITER TORQUATUS, Vig. & Horsf.

Fig. 2.

Acc. capite, corpore suprà, alis, caudâque intense fuscescenti-griseis; lâc obscûrè fusco fasciâtâ; nuchâ obscûrè fasciâd rufescenti notâtâ; guld, corpore subtûs, fêmôribusque rufescentibus, fusciaf angustis albis crebrè ornâtis; alis caudâque subtûs fusco fasciâtis; rostro fuscescenti-corneo; pedibus flavis; unguibus nigris.

Mas. Long. tot. 12 unc.; rostri, 9; alæ, 8; cauda, 6; tarsi, 2½.

Fem. — 14¼ —; — 5; — 9½; — 7½; — 9¾.

Head, all the upper surface, wings, and tail deep brownish grey, the tail indistinctly barred with deep brown; on the back of the neck an obscure collar of reddish brown; throat, the under surface and thighs rufous, crossed by numerous narrow bars of white, the red predominating on the thighs; under surface of the wings and tail grey, distinctly barred with dark brown, which is deepest on the former; bill dark horn colour; feet yellow; claws black.


Habitat.
1. Accipiter niger
2. Accipiter buteo

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