

with darker and lighter transverse stripes; all the under parts light yellow, inclining on the breast and belly to rusty reddish yellow. No ears.

Inhabits Brazil; appears to be a nondescript; has a singular cry, resembling knocking, every morning in the twilight; the specimen was obtained on the Rio grande de Belmonte.

83.—RUFIOUS OWL.

LENGTH 7 in. Bill dusky; face circles not very conspicuous, but many bristles come forwards and exceed the bill in length; plumage above fine rufous tawny, obsoletely crossed with five dusky lines on the quills, and mottled on the coverts with here and there a white spot, especially on the edge of the wing, some of the feathers of which have four or five spots of white on the outer web; throat paler than above; breast and belly crossed with alternate, undulated bars of dusky white, and mottled ferruginous brown; tail short, marked as the quills, and the wings exceed it by nearly three quarters of an inch; legs rather long, covered with greyish hairs to the toes, which are bare and brown; claws slender, hooked, and long. In this specimen the toes were two and two, and it appeared that it had been the usual mode of perching when alive, or at least that it had the faculty of so placing them at will.

Native place uncertain—In the collection of Mr. Comyns.