

GENUS XC.—CEREOPSIS.

BILL short, convex, bent at the tip.

Nostrils at the base, under the cere.

Tongue obtuse, whole.

Head covered, as far as the eyes, with a rough skin or cere; the bend of the wing a blunt knob.

Tail short, consisting of sixteen feathers.

Legs stout, bare above the knee; toes united by a membrane half way from the base; back toe small.

NEW-HOLLAND CEREOPSIS.—PL. CLXII.

Cereopsis Novæ Hollandiæ, Ind. Orn. Sup. lxi. Tem. Man. Ed. ii. p. cvii.

*New-Holland Cereopsis, Gen. Syn. Sup. ii. 325. pl. 138.**

SIZE of a small Goose; length nearly three feet. Neck long; the bill is black, thirteen or fourteen lines long, but from point to gape somewhat more; the under mandible shutting close beneath the upper; from the base of the bill begins a bare, rough, yellow skin, rather swelling, and covering the whole as far as the eyes at least, and round them as a cere;* the plumage for the most part ash grey, but the neck and under parts are paler, the upper inclining to brown; some of the wing coverts and axillaries have a dusky blackish spot near the ends, and the quills are dusky towards the tips; the tail is rounded in shape; at the bend of the wing a blunt knob; the second quills nearly as long as the primaries; the bare part of the thighs is one inch and three quarters; leg seven inches and a half; middle toe three inches and three quarters; the bare parts are orange-colour, but the fore part, above the bend, the toes, and claws

* In the specimen we first saw, this bare part extended far beyond the eyes.