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THE GREAT HORNED OWL OF CEYLON.

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THIS is a large species of the horned owl, which has been found in the island of Ceylon, and which, most probably, is also to be found on various coasts of southern Asia. It may also be suspected that it exists in the island of Sumatra, since Marsden, who has written a very good description of this island, speaks of a species of nocturnal bird: but he gives no description which may lead us to establish the identity of the species.

The horned owl of Ceylon is almost two feet in length. Its auricular feathers are short and pointed; its iris is a saffron colour; a dark brown is the prevailing tint of the body, but it becomes weaker, and approaches towards a yellow on the under parts. The feathers which surround the face are of a red colour approaching to brown, striped with black. These black stripes are also observable on the prime quill feathers of the wings, and transversally on the tail, which has also some

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