

feathers are more obscure, with reddish spots : all the under part of the body is of a reddish colour as the ground, crossed with black bands disposed transversally. The feet, covered with feathers, are also reddish. The beak and the claws are brown ; the iris yellow.

THE MEXICAN OWL.

THE individual of which we are now going to give a description is preserved in the gallery of the Museum at Paris. To this species also belongs the *Asio Americanus* of Brisson, which is the same animal and bears the same name (*tecoloth*) according to the testimony of Fernandez.

The total length of the Mexican owl is fifteen inches, being nearly the same as that of the common owl. The feathers of its frill or collar are bordered with red, and are black all the rest. This pale red colour, spotted longitudinally with black, covers all the up-