

colour of the upper parts of the body: the front and under part have a whitish ground, tinged with a light red on the sides and breast, and covered with fine stripes of a brown colour. The tail is rounded at its extremity: the legs are covered with down: the toes are brownish: the beak is yellow.

This species, described by Levaillant, is found in Guiana: it appears to be very rare, and has some affinities with the *tera chyotos* of Linnaeus.

THE CASPIAN SCREECH OWL.

WE are of opinion with Pallas, that this may be considered as a distinct species. It seems however, in some of its habits to have an analogy with the screech owl of Coquimbo; for it prefers to build its nest in some depression of the earth on the arid soil of the deserts near the shores of the Caspian sea. It is also scattered over various countries of Siberian Tartary,