

Tartary, where S. G. Gmelin had met with it before Pallas.

The size of this bird is about that of our screech owl: the frill round its neck is of a pure white colour, mixed with some black and yellowish streaks; all the upper part of the body has a yellowish ground, which becomes somewhat paler as you approach towards the under: the quill feathers of the wings are yellowish and spotted with a dark brown; the tail, which is shorter than the wings, is rounded, blackish, and has some stripes of a deeper colour; besides this, its edges are whitish. There is a blackish spot above the eyes. A yellowish down covers the feet, the toes of which are terminated by claws of a blackish colour: the beak is black; the iris of a pale yellow.

THE SCREECH OWL OF JAVA.

THE different species of nocturnal birds are spread over the most distant countries of the