

the globe and over both continents. In fact, they are not, as in the class of quadrupeds, beings fixed to the soil, and whose spreading is limited by the ocean. Transported by powerful wings, and moved by muscles that rarely tire, birds of a lofty flight traverse the vast latitudes of the earth. Our species even of nocturnal birds, which seem too weak for long voyages, and which cannot fly at all during the day, and which are confounded by the light of the sun, are yet found as far as the Cape of Good Hope, and often in many of the regions of America: and as they have been inured for a length of time to these climates, they have undergone, like all animated bodies, variations arising from the influence of the temperature and the soil. Birds have not a prescribed country, like quadrupeds, in the same regions. The bird of the north can live beneath the torrid zone; but the quadruped, more dependent on the soil, and more subjected to its lively influence, cannot equally brave the snows of the pole, nor face the fires of the south.

M. Wurmb discovered in the island of Java, a screech owl, which he has very succinctly described. Its body is cinereous, with shades of a reddish colour; on the upper part of the  
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