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THE SCREECH OWL OF PORTO RICO.

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IN the Museum of Natural History at Paris, is a new species of screech owl, which Mangé brought from America, from the island of Porto Rico, and which is also to be met with at Cayenne. Daudin has described it under the name of the *bare-footed screech owl* (*strix nudipes*) but which, not being a characteristic confined solely to this species, cannot be with exclusive propriety applied to it.

The size of this animal is about seven inches. A brownish yellow colour covers the back. The small covert feathers of the wings have small white spots upon them, and there is one which is particularly remarkable, towards the two sides of the neck. All the under part of the body is white, with brownish spots in the shape of a lyre placed longitudinally. The wings are as long as the tail. The legs are elongated, naked, and brown. The beak and the nails are blackish. The young ones have spots in the form of a lyre on the belly, but much less apparent than those of the adult bird; and hence the belly appears to be of a more uniform and more pure white colour.