



1 *Athene? fortis.*
2 ? *strenua.*

ATHENE ? FORTIS, Gould.

Fig. 1.

Ath. facie gulâque cinerescenti-albis ; vertice, corporeque suprâ fuscis, purpureo tinctis ; scapularibus, secundariis tectricibusque alæ majoribus albo guttatis ; primariis alternatim fusco griseoque fasciatis ; fasciis pallidis ad marginem externum albescentibus ; caudâ fuscâ lineis sex vel septem cinerescens transversim fasciatis, apice cinerescente ; corpore subtus brunneo alboque marmorato, hoc marginem plumarum ornante ; tarsi ad digitos vestitis, fusco cervinoque marmoratis ; rostro flavescenti-corneo ; digitis longis, flavis, pilisque tectis.

Long. tot. $15\frac{1}{4}$ unc. ; wing, $11\frac{1}{2}$; tail, $7\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $1\frac{3}{4}$.

Face and throat greyish white ; crown of the head and all the upper surface dark brown, tinged with purple ; scapularies, secondaries, and greater wing-coverts spotted with white ; primaries alternately barred with dark and greyish brown, the light marks on the outer edges approaching to white ; tail dark brown, transversely barred with six or seven lines of greyish white ; the extreme tips of all the feathers terminating with the same ; the whole of the under surface mottled brown and white, the latter occupying the outer edges of the feathers ; tarsi clothed to the toes, and mottled brown and fawn colour ; bill light yellowish horn colour ; toes long, yellow, and covered with fine hairs.

SYN. *Athene fortis*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Habitat. Australia : locality, New South Wales.

ATHENE ? STRENUA, Gould.

Fig. 2.

Ath. vertice, corpore suprâ, alis, caudâque intense fuscis, fasciis purpurescanti-brunneis transversim ornatis ; his majoribus pallidioribusque ad inum dorsum ; secundariis, reetricibusque caudæ ad marginem internum, facie, gulâ, pectoreque superiore, badiis, plumis partium harum notâ brunneâ centrali ornatis ; corpore subtus albo, levitèr badii lavato, et fusco fasciato ; rostro corneo ad basin, ad apicem nigro ; pedibus flavis.

Long. tot. 24 unc. ; rostri, 2 ; alæ, 15 ; caudæ, $10\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $2\frac{1}{4}$.

Crown of the head, all the upper surface, wings, and tail dark clove brown, crossed by numerous bars of broccoli brown, which become much larger, lighter, and more conspicuous on the lower part of the back, the inner edges of the secondaries and of the tail ; face, throat, and upper part of the chest buff, with a large patch of dark brown down the centre of each feather ; the remainder of the under surface white, slightly tinged with buff, and crossed with irregular bars of brown ; bill horn colour at the base, passing into black at the tip ; feet yellow.

SYN. *Athene strenua*, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V., 1837.

Habitat. Australia : locality, New South Wales.