

July 12, 1842.

William Horton Lloyd, Esq., in the Chair.

The following "Descriptions of two new species of *Oniscia*, a genus of pectinibranchiate Mollusks," communicated by Mr. Lovell Reeve, was read.

**ONISCIA DENNISONI.** *Onisc. testâ trigono-ovatâ, decussatim costatâ, costis tuberculo squamâve ad juncturas instructis; anfractibus supernè angulatis, superficie albâ, fusco-maculosâ, leviter striatâ; labro columellari rutilo, albo-granuloso, latissimè effuso; labro externo valdè incrassato, internè denticulis albis irregulariter ornato.*

Reeve, Conch. Syst., vol. ii. pl. 253. f. 5 and 6.

*Hab.* — ?

Long. 2; lat.  $1\frac{1}{10}$  poll.

In dedicating this very chaste and beautiful shell to its fortunate possessor, J. Dennison, Esq., we memorize the name of a gentleman whose collection is perhaps unequalled in excellency and preservation. The very rare and valuable specimen before us is closely allied to the *Oniscia cancellata* (*Cassidaria cancellata*, Lamarck), so much so indeed that we at first hesitated to consider it a distinct species; the rich and rosy appearance of the columellar lip is, however, remarkable, and as this part of the shell exhibits its chief *generic* character, may not so decided a variation of it be considered of *specific* importance?

**ONISCIA STROMBIFORMIS.** *Onisc. testâ trigono-pyriformi, albâ, transversim irregulariter costatâ et nodosâ; anfractibus supernè angulatis, angulis valdè nodosis; labro collumellari albo, granuloso, leviter effuso; labro externo denticulato.*

Reeve, Conch. Syst., vol. ii. pl. 253. f. 1.

*Hab.* — ? Mus. Cuming.

Long.  $\frac{7}{8}$ ; lat.  $\frac{1}{2}$  poll.

An interesting small species, figured in 'Conch. Syst.' together with the former, and which appears to be very distinct from any hitherto described.

A collection of skins, procured by the Honourable Charles Murray during his travels in North America, and presented to the Society by that gentleman, were exhibited. Among these was a curious yellow variety of the Grisly Bear,—*Ursus ferox*, Lewis and Clark.

A series of birds' skins, being the remaining portion of the collection presented by Walter Ewer, Esq., part of which was exhibited at the previous meeting, was laid on the table. These birds were collected in the north-western province of the Bengal presidency, in

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north latitude 29° to 31°, and east longitude 77° to 80°, and are chiefly inhabitants of the plain. Mr. Ewer, however, observes, that there are perhaps also a few from the Himalaya mountains in the collection.

The following is a list of the species :—

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| <i>Neophron percnopterus</i> , Temm.     | <i>Phœnicura ruticilla</i> , Sw.        |
| <i>Haliaëtus Macei</i> .                 | <i>Motacilla alba</i> .                 |
| — <i>Ponticerianus</i> .                 | <i>Prinia inornata</i> , Sykes.         |
| <i>Circætus brachydactylus</i> , Vieill. | <i>Timalia hypoleuca</i> , Frankl.      |
| <i>Aquila Vindhiana</i> , Frankl.        | <i>Parus atriceps</i> , Horsf.          |
| <i>Morphnus cristatellus</i> .           | <i>Emberiza cristata</i> , Vig.         |
| <i>Astur Hyder</i> , Sykes.              | <i>Pyrgita domestica</i> , Cuv.         |
| <i>Accipiter nisus</i> .                 | <i>Fringilla leuconota</i> , Temm.      |
| <i>Falco Chicquera</i> , Lath.           | <i>Ploceus Philippinus</i> , Cuv.       |
| <i>Circus rufus</i> , Briss.             | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> , Linn.         |
| — <i>pallidus</i> , Sykes.               | <i>Pastor Galla</i> .                   |
| <i>Elanus melanopterus</i> , Leach.      | <i>Lamprotornis spilopterus</i> , Vig.  |
| <i>Milvus Cheele</i> .                   | <i>Dendrocitta Sinensis</i> , Vig.      |
| <i>Ketupa Leschenaulti</i> , Less.       | — <i>vagabunda</i> , Vig.               |
| <i>Merops Philippinus</i> , Linn.        | <i>Garrulus bispecularis</i> , Vig.     |
| — <i>viridis</i> , Linn.                 | — <i>lanceolatus</i> , Vig.             |
| <i>Hirundo filifera</i> , Steph.         | — <i>striatus</i> , Vig.                |
| — <i>riparia</i> ?, Linn.                | <i>Pica erythrorhyncha</i> , Vig.       |
| <i>Halcyon Smyrnensis</i> , Linn.        | <i>Nucifraga hemispila</i> , Vig.       |
| <i>Alcedo rudis</i> , Linn.              | <i>Fregilus Graculus</i> , Cuv.         |
| — <i>Bengalensis</i> .                   | <i>Corvus culminatus</i> , Sykes.       |
| — <i>Graucalus Papuensis</i> , Cuv.      | <i>Eudynamys orientalis</i> , V. & H.   |
| <i>Collurio erythronotus</i> , Vig.      | <i>Centropus Philippensis</i> , Cuv.    |
| — <i>Lahtora</i> , Sykes.                | — <i>Cirkeer</i> , Gray.                |
| <i>Phœnicornis peregrina</i> , Vig.      | <i>Palæornis torquatus</i> , Vig.       |
| — <i>brevirostris</i> , Vig.             | — <i>flavicollaris</i> , Frankl.        |
| — <i>rubeculoides</i> , Vig.             | <i>Picus occipitalis</i> , Vig.         |
| <i>Turdus albicollis</i> .               | — <i>Mahrattensis</i> , Lath.           |
| — <i>pæcilopterus</i> , Vig.             | <i>Bucco caniceps</i> , Frankl.         |
| — <i>sularis</i> , Auct.                 | — <i>Philippinensis</i> , Auct.         |
| — — ?                                    | <i>Yunx Torquilla</i> , Linn.           |
| <i>Oriolus Galbulu</i> .                 | <i>Sitta castaneoventris</i> , Frankl.  |
| <i>Malacocercus striatus</i> , Sw.       | <i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i> , Vig. |
| <i>Hypsipetes psaroides</i> , Vig.       | <i>Phasianus albocristatus</i> , Vig.   |
| <i>Ixos cafer</i> .                      | <i>Perdix Chukar</i> , Vig.             |
| — <i>leucotis</i> , Gould.               | <i>Francolinus Pondicerianus</i> .      |
| <i>Ianthocincla albogularis</i> , Gould. | — <i>vulgaris</i> .                     |
| — <i>leucocephala</i> , Gould.           | <i>Coturnix Cambaiensis</i> .           |
| — <i>erythrocephala</i> , Gould.         | <i>Pterocles exustus</i> .              |
| <i>Enicurus maculatus</i> , Vig.         | <i>Cursorius Coromandelicus</i> .       |
| <i>Myophonus Temmincki</i> , Vig.        | <i>Œdicnemus crepitans</i> , Temm.      |
| <i>Megalurus palustris</i> , Sykes?      | <i>Vanellus Goensis</i> , Auct.         |
| <i>Anthus Chendoola</i> , Frankl.        | — <i>cristatus</i> , Meyer.             |
| <i>Pyrrhulauda cruciger</i> .            | — <i>Keptschka</i> , Temm.              |
| <i>Saxicola bicolor</i> , Sykes.         | <i>Gallinago stenurus</i> .             |

*Tringa pugnax*, Linn.  
 — *Temmincki*, Leisler.  
*Totanus glottoides*, Vig.  
*Herodias Gazetta*.  
*Botaurus stellaris*, Steph.  
*Anas pœcilorhyncha*, Gmel.  
*Dafila acuta*, Leach.  
*Mareca Penelope*, Selby.  
*Fuligula rufina*, Steph.  
 — *cristata*, Steph.  
*Nyroca leucophthalma*, Flem.  
*Rhynchaspis clypeata*, Steph.

*Chauliodes strepera*, Sw.  
*Querquedula Crecca*.  
*Tadorna rutila*, Steph.  
*Anser Indicus*, Steph.  
*Mergus albellus*, Linn.  
 — *merganser*, Linn.  
*Podiceps minor*, Lath.  
*Sterna aurantia*, Gray.  
*Plotus Levallanti*, Temm.  
*Phalacrocorax Javanica*.  
 — *Cormoranus*, Temm.

An abstract of a letter from E. Blyth, Esq., curator to the museum at Calcutta, was then read. It contains the following list of birds, with observations upon them, which are found both in India and Europe:—

*Aquila chrysaëtos*, Vig. Inhabits the mountains.  
*Falco peregrinus*, Gmel. Inhabits the mountains.  
 — *Tinnunculus*, Linn. Common.  
*Pernis apivorus*, Auct. Moderately common.  
*Circus rufus*, Auct. Moderately common.  
 — *cyaneus*, Auct. Moderately common.  
 — *cineraceus*, Auct. Moderately common.  
*Otus brachyotus*, Flem. Not rare.  
*Strix flammea*, Linn. Common.  
*Hirundo rustica*, Linn. Found in the Himalayas.  
 — *riparia*, Linn. Inhabits the Himalayas.  
*Saxicola Rubetra*, Temm. Not uncommon.  
 — *rubicola*, Temm. Not uncommon.  
*Sylvia Hippolais*, Lath. Not uncommon.  
 — *Suecica*, Lath. Not uncommon.  
*Turdus viscivorus*, Linn. Inhabits the Himalayas.  
*Pyrgita domestica*, Auct. Very common.

— *montana*, Auct. Inhabits the Himalayas; is found also at Chusan on the east, and Affghanistan on the west, in both places representing the house-sparrow.

*Corvus pica*, Linn. Is found, according to report, in Affghanistan. I have seen the true British species from Chusan. There is a distinct but nearly allied species at Bootan, which may also be that of Affghanistan.

*Corvus Corax*, Linn. Inhabits the mountains, but not the plains; it is there replaced by a smaller species\*, often mistaken for the common raven.

*Fregilus Graculus*, Selby. Abounds in the Himalayas.

*Sternus vulgaris*, Linn. Is seen commonly in the bird-shops at Calcutta, being brought from the hills.

\* Mr. Blyth probably alludes to the species to which Col. Sykes gave the name *culminatus*.

*Cuculus canorus*, Linn. Rare; but the nearly allied species, *Cuculus micropterus* of Gould, is less so.

*Yunx Torquilla*, Linn. Not rare.

*Charadrius minor*, Meyer. Very common.

*Ædicnemus crepitans*, Temm. Inhabits the peninsula of India.

*Ardea*. All the European species of Heron are to be met with.

*Botaurus stellaris*, Linn.

*Ciconia alba*, Ray. Rare.

— *nigra*, Ray. Rare.

*Platalea Leucorodia*, Linn. Very common.

*Ibis Falcinellus*, Temm. Very common.

*Numenius arquata*, Lath. Common; but the *Numenius phaeopus* (Lath.) is not found here.

*Totanus fuscus*, Leisl. Common.

— *calidris*, Bechst. Common.

— *ochropus*, Temm. Not very common.

— *glareola*, Temm. Excessively abundant.

— *hypoleucos*, Temm. Not very common.

*Recurvirostra Avocetta*, Linn. Not very common.

*Himantopus melanopterus*, Temm. Very common.

*Limosa melanura*, Leisl. Very common; but the *Limosa rufa* (Briss.) is not found here.

*Scopolax Rusticola*, Linn. Abounds in the hills.

— *Gallinago*, Linn. Not rare.

— *Gallinula*, Linn. Not rare.

*Tringa pugnax*, Linn. Common.

— *subarquata*, Temm. Tolerably common.

— *Temmincki*, Leisl. Very common.

— *minuta*, Leisl. Very common.

*Phalaropus platyrhynchus*, Temm. Rare.

*Tadorna rutila*, Steph. Common.

— *Bellonii*, Steph. Very rare.

*Anas clypeata*, Linn. Moderately common.

*Chauliodus Strepera*, Swains. Moderately common.

*Dafila acuta*, Linn. Common.

*Querquedula circea*. Very common.

— *Crecca*. Very common.

*Mareca Penelope*, Selb. Not common.

*Fuligula rufiga*, Steph. Very common.

— *Nyroca*, Steph. Very common.

— *cristata*, Steph. Not common.

— *ferina*, Steph. Not common.