

CLIMACTERIS MELANOTUS. *Cli. strigá superciliari, guláque, albocervinis; lined ante oculum, alterá post oculum, omni superiore corpore, alis, caudáque, saturatè fusco-nigris; primariis, secundariis, tertiariisque ad basin, et humeris infrá stramineis; corpore inferiore vinoso; singulá abdominis plumá lineis duabus spatium album marginantibus nigris longitudinaliter prope caulem ornatá.*

Superciliary line and throat buffy-white; line before and behind the eye, all the upper surface, wings, and tail, dark brownish black; the base of the primaries, secondaries, and tertiaries, and the under surface of the shoulder buff; under surface pale vinous brown; the feathers of the abdomen with two stripes of black running parallel to and near the stem, the space between dull white; at the base of the throat several irregular spots of black; under tail-coverts buffy-white, crossed by broad bars of black; irides brown.

Total length, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill, $\frac{5}{4}$; wing, $3\frac{1}{2}$; tail, $2\frac{1}{2}$; tarsi, $\frac{7}{8}$.

The female differs in having the markings of the abdomen larger and more conspicuous, and in having the spots at the base of the throat chestnut instead of black.

Hab. The neighbourhood of the river Lynd, in the interior of Australia.

Remark.—Nearly allied to *C. melanura* and *C. scandens*.