

ELANUS SCRIPTUS. *Elan. fronte et lined superoculari albis ; capite et corpore subtùs saturatè cinereis, rufescenti-fusco lavatis ; tectricibus alarum fulgidè nigerrimis ; parte alæ interiore notá latá nigrá, per humerum et antibrachium eductá, instar literæ V (aut potiùs VV, utriusque alæ paginá interiore in conspectu,) impressá.*

Forehead and line over the eye white ; head and all the upper surface dark grey, washed with reddish brown ; wing-coverts deep glossy black ; primaries greyish brown, becoming nearly white on their webs, all but the first two or three margined with white at the tip ; secondaries brownish grey on the outer web, white on the inner and at the extremity ; tertiaries brownish grey ; two centre tail-feathers grey ; the remaining tail-feathers pale brown on their outer webs and white on the inner ; lores black ; all the under surface and edge of the shoulder white ; on the under surface of the wing following the line of the bones a broad mark of black assuming the form of the letter V, or if both wings are seen at once, of a W ; bill black ; cere and legs yellow ; claws black ; irides orange.

Total length, $15\frac{3}{4}$ inches ; bill, $1\frac{1}{4}$; wing, $12\frac{1}{4}$; tail, $7\frac{1}{4}$; tarsi, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Hab. South Australia.