

**GEOPELIA PLACIDA.** *Geop. facie et gutture cinereis ; occipite, dorso alisque e cinereo-fuscis ; singulis plumis ad apicem nigerrimo fasciatis, alulis spuriis primariisque saturatè fuscis, humeris subtùs castaneis, pectore, lateribus, et nuchâ cinereis lineis angustis nigris crebrè fasciatis, et lateribus vinaceis.*

Face and throat grey ; occiput, back and wings ashy brown ; each feather with a band of deep velvety black at the extremity ; spurious wings and primaries dark brown ; under surface of the shoulders chestnut ; chest, sides and back of the neck grey, crossed by numerous narrow bands of black ; abdomen and flanks vinous ; four centre tail-feathers ashy brown, the remainder black, largely tipped with white ; irides light ash-grey ; bill and orbits bright greyish blue, becoming much paler before and behind the eye ; frontal scales of tarsi and feet dark greenish grey ; remainder of the legs and feet reddish flesh-colour.

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

*Hab.* Port Essington.

This and the next species are very nearly allied, but on comparison of numerous individuals I find that size invariably points out the locality from which they have been procured ; the larger birds (*G. tranquilla*) being an inhabitant of the interior of New South Wales, and the smaller (*G. placida*) of the north coast ; besides which, the bands crossing the chest are broader and more distinct in the latter than in the former.