

OCYPTERUS PERSONATUS. *Ocypt. gulá et plumis auricularibus nigris : corpore subtùs in toto cinereo.*

Face, ear-coverts and throat jet black, bounded below with a narrow line of white ; crown of the head sooty black, gradually passing into the deep gray which covers the whole of the upper surface, wings and tail ; the latter tipped with white ; all the under surface very delicate gray ; thighs dark gray ; irides blackish brown ; bill blue at the base, becoming black at the tip ; legs and feet mealy bluish gray. Total length, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches ; bill, 1 ; wing, 5 ; tail, 3 ; tarsi, $\frac{3}{4}$. About the size and having much the contour of *Ocypt. superciliosus*. It is one of the finest and best-marked species of the genus, the jet black colouring of the face and throat distinguishing it from every other. The sexes are nearly alike in colour.

Hab. Southern and Western Australia.