

COLUMBA (PERISTERA) HISTRIONICA. *Col. capite nigro; fronte, spatio circum plumas auriculares necnon notâ semilunari apud gulam albis; corpore supernè e cinnamomino fusco; subtùs carulescenti-cinereo.*

Forehead, a stripe from behind the eye forming a circle round the ear coverts, and a crescent-shaped mark across the throat, snow-white; the remainder of the head, throat and ear coverts, jet black; all the upper surface, wing coverts, flanks, and two centre tail feathers, deep cinnamon brown; edge of the shoulder dull white; spurious wing bluish grey, slightly margined with white; primaries brownish grey, margined on their outer webs with rufous, at the base of the inner web largely marked with the same, forming a conspicuous patch on the under surface of the wing; and with an oval spot of white at the tip of each feather; secondaries by a beautiful band of deep crimson-bronze on the outer webs near the tip; lateral tail feathers bluish gray at the base, passing into black toward the extremity, which is white; breast and centre of the abdomen bluish gray; under tail coverts light buff; nostrils and bill black; irides dark brown; frontal scales of the legs and feet lilac-red; hind part of the legs flesh-red.

Total length, $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bill, 1; wing, 8; tail, $3\frac{1}{2}$; tarsus, 1.

Hab. Plains of interior of Australia.