

*PEDIONOMUS TORQUATUS.* *Ped. vertice et pectore rufis, singulis plumis prope apicem lunulâ nigrâ notatis; collari lato, albo, crebrè maculis nigris guttato.*

Crown of the head brown speckled with black, sides of the head and the neck light buff speckled with black; neck surrounded by a broad band of white thickly spotted with black; all the upper surface reddish brown, each feather having several narrow, transverse, crescent-shaped marks in the centre and margined with buff; tail buff, crossed by numerous narrow brown bars; centre of the breast rufous, the remainder of the under surface buff; the feathers on the breast marked in a similar manner to those on the upper surface, and the flanks with large irregular spots of black; irides straw-yellow; bill yellow, passing into black at the point; feet greenish-yellow.

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

*Hab.* The plains of the interior of South Australia.