

breast vinnish-brown, with small semicircular spots scattered down the sides; bill fleshy horn; nape and occiput covered with black feathers... It roars rumbly, and keeps it alive three days.

Jerdon says the Indian courier is very abundant in the Dukhan and to the westward... Its food consists of insects and small plants... Its food consists of insects and small plants...

A VISIT TO THE COLLECTION OF BIRDS MADE BY THE LATE J. D. HOY, ESQ. OF STOKE-BY-NAYLAND.

By C. L. BRZE, M.D. (Continued from page 250.)

AMONG THE NOTICES of rapacious birds contributed by a late Mr. Hoy... He mentions the capture of a white-headed eagle... The red-backed shrike... The hooded malar... The hooded malar...

In the volume for 1834, p. 53, he notices the capture of two white-headed eagles... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

In the volume for 1832 is a most interesting account of one of his white-headed eagles... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

Mr. Hoy suggested that this bird is only a summer visitant... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

The Corvidæ in Mr. Hoy's collection are represented by the raven and its egg... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

The year has been memorable in the history of another bird mentioned above... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

In previous efforts to get the nest before the young were hatched... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

The "grey griske" usually called the great grey or great ash-colored shrike... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

The nest is large, formed on the outside with small pieces of sticks, pine-cones and wool... Mr. Hoy goes on to give a most amusing account of the mode in which this bird is used by falconers... The hooded malar...

The falconer, employing himself in some sedentary occupation, observes every motion of his little watch, and it is almost incredible how great the work he does in the air... The hooded malar...

Of the red-backed shrike Mr. Hoy gives the following account of its habits... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

In the Muscicapidae there is only one species represented in Mr. Hoy's collection... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

A word or two about the red-breasted flycatcher, Muscivora parva... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

The egg of M. parva, of which I have authentic specimens, is not much larger than that of other flycatchers... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

NOTES AND QUESTIONS ON NATURAL HISTORY.

A WHITE BUNTING.—A white specimen of the common breeding (Emberiza miliaria) was shot here at the middle of last month... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

OCCURRENCE OF THE GREY PHALAROPE AT NORTH WESTON.—On Saturday last I shot a ring-necked pheasant... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

THE WATER OULET SWIMMING.—I may inquire whether a little incident that I witnessed to-day is of common occurrence... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

Water ouzels live and walk under the water, but I never saw one carrying its prey to its friend of this morning... THE MUNGOOSE AND COBRA POISON.—With reference to some accounts which have appeared in the Standard...

ANSWERS. WEASEL AND MOLE.—It may interest L. S. V. to know that about three years ago I ploughed a small field of corn in a mole trap...

FOREIGN FIELD SPORTS.

THE BENGAL SOONDERBANS. BY THE ABOVE TITLE is known the vast expanse of forest and morass which fringes the Ganges...

The delta lying between these rivers is intersected by several other channels—some of which, such as the Hooghly—and by innumerable small streams, forming a perfect labyrinth...

This immense forest covers a large portion of the districts extending from the Hooghly to the Megna and known as the twenty-four pergunahs...

pergunahs is, contrary to the general but erroneous belief, not a virgin one; on the contrary, though it has been long abandoned to the beasts of the forest...

It is a strange and interesting fact, that the soil of the Soonderbans is not much traversed by large rivers... He also notices the capture of a hooded malar... The hooded malar...

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