

The PATAS*, or red MONKEY.

THE patas belongs to the same country, and is nearly of the same size with the macaque; but his body is longer, his face less hideous, and his hair more beautiful. He is remarkable for the brilliancy of his robe, which is of so vivid a red as to have the appearance of being painted. We have seen two varieties of this species. The first has a black line above the eyes, which extends from ear to ear. The second differs from the first only in the colour of this line, which is white. Both have long hair under the chin and round the cheeks, which makes a fine beard: But, in the first, it is yellow, and, in the second, white. This variety seems to indicate others in the colour of the hair; and I am inclined to think, that the monkey

* The name of this monkey in Senegal, its native country. It is commonly called the *red ape of Senegal*.

Brue found in Taboo a new species of ape, of so lively a red colour, that a person would have imagined it to be painted. The Negroes call it *patas*; *Relat. de Brue, Hist. Gen. des Voyages, tom. ii. p. 520.*

Red monkey with a long nose; eyes sunk in the head; ears furnished with pretty long hairs; body slender: Over each eye, from ear to ear, extends a black line: The upper part of the body of a most beautiful and bright bay, almost red, so vivid as to appear painted; the lower parts ash-colour, tinged with yellow. The tail is not so long as the body, the length of which is about one foot six inches; *Fernand's Synops. of Quad. p. 116.*

mentioned by Marmol*, which is of the colour of a wild cat, and said to come from the Negro country, is a variety of the patas.

These monkeys are not equally dexterous as the other kinds; and, at the same time, they are extremely inquisitive. 'I have seen them,' says Brue, 'descend from the tops of the trees to the extremities of the branches, in order to admire the barks as they passed. They stare for some time, seem to be entertained with what they have seen, and then give place to those who come after. They became so familiar as to throw branches at the Frenchmen, who returned the compliment by the shot of their muskets. Some of them fell, others were wounded, and the rest were struck with a strange consternation. One party raised hideous cries; another collected stones to throw at the enemy: Some of them, with their bowels in their hands, attempted to throw their intestines at the spectators. At last, perceiving the combat to be at least equal, they retired†.'

It is probably this species of monkey which le Maire speaks of in the following terms: 'The havoc which these monkeys make in the fields of Senegal, when the millet and other grains are ripe, is not to be expressed. They

* The apes of the colour of a wild cat, with a long tail, and a white or black muzzle, commonly called in Spain *Gules-palis*, come from the Negro country; *L'Afrique de Marmol, tom. i. p. 57.*

† *Relat. de Brue, Hist. Gen. des Voyages, tom. ii. p. 521.*

'assemble to the number of forty or fifty. One
'of them stands sentinel on a tree, listens, and
'looks about on all sides, while the others are
'busy. When he perceives any person, he sets
'up loud shrieks to alarm the band, who obey
'the signal, fly off with their prey, leaping from
'tree to tree with prodigious agility. The fe-
'males, who carry their young in their arms, fly
'with the rest, and leap as if they were loaded
'with no burden *.'

Though, in every region of Africa, the species
of apes, baboons, and monkeys, are very nume-
rous, some of which are pretty similar; yet it is
remarked by travellers, that they never intermix,
and that each species commonly inhabits a
different quarter of the country †.

Distinctive Characters of this Species.

The patas has cheek-pouches and callosities
on his buttocks. His tail is as long as both his
body and head. The top of his head is flat.
His muzzle, body, and legs, are long. He has
black hair on his nose, and a narrow band of the
same colour above his eyes, which extends from
ear to ear. The hair on the upper parts of his

* Voyage de le Maire, p. 103.

† It would be endless to describe all the species of apes
which are found from Arquin to Sierra-Leona. It is remark-
able, that they do not intermix, and that two kinds are never
seen in the same quarter; *Hist. Gen. des Voyages*, tom. ii. p. 221.

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Plate CCLXXII.



BLACK BANDED PATAS.



SATIA (MUSE) OF THE HINDU



Edwards sculp.

WHITE BANDED TATAS.



body is almost red, and that on the under parts, as the throat, breast, and belly, is of a yellow gray colour. This species varies in the colour of the band above the eyes. It is black in some, and white in others. They walk oftener on four than on two feet. When enraged, they agitate not their jaws, like the other monkeys. From the point of the muzzle to the origin of the tail, they are about a foot and a half or two feet in length. Some of them, as appears from the relations of travellers, are larger. The females menstruate.