

Plate CCLXXXVII.



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SAI with a WHITE THROAT

The SAIMIRI*, or Orange Monkey.

THE saimiri is commonly known by the name of the *golden, orange, or yellow sapajou*. It is common in Guiana; and therefore has received from some voyagers the appellation of the *Cayenne sapajou*. From the gracefulness of its movements, the smallness of its size, the brilliant colour of its hair, the largeness and vivacity of its eyes, and its round visage, the saimiri has uniformly been preferred to all the other sapajous: it is indeed the most beautiful of this tribe. But it is likewise the

* Orange monkey, with a round head, nose a little pointed, and the end of it dusky; orbits flesh-coloured; ears hairy; hair on the body short and fine, of a yellow and brown colour; but, in its native country, when in perfection, of a brilliant gold colour; the feet orange; nails of the hands flat, of the feet like claws; tail very long, and less useful for prehensile purposes than that of the rest; body of the size of a squirrel; Pennant's *Synops. of Zood.* p. 128.

Caymiri, or *saimiri*, the name of this animal in the country of Maragou.

Caitia; *Morcey.* p. 227. *Raii Synops. Zood.* p. 175.

Cercopithecus pili ex fusco flavescens, et caudicant variegatus, vellitus, pedibus ex flavo rufescentibus; Brisson. Zood. p. 140.

Cercopithecus minor luteus; le sapajou jaune; Barrère, Franc. Equin. p. 151.

Simia fuscata, caudata, imberbis, occipite prominulo, ungibus quatuor plantarum subulatis, natibus tectis; Linn. Syst. Nat. p. 43.

most delicate*, and the most difficult to transport and preserve. From these characters, and particularly from that of the tail, which is only half-prehensile, and, though not so muscular as that of the sapajous, is not absolutely useless and flaccid, the saimiri seems to form the shade between the sapajous and the fagoins.

Distinctive Characters of this Species.

The saimiri has neither cheek-pouches nor callosities on the buttocks. The partition of his nostrils is thick, and their apertures are placed at a side, not under the nose. He may be said to have no forehead. His hair is of a brilliant yellow colour; and he has two flesh-coloured rings round his eyes. His nose is elevated at the base, and flattened at the point. The mouth is small, the face is flat and naked; and the ears are garnished with hair, and a little pointed. The tail is half prehensile, and longer than the body. From the point of the muzzle to the origin of the tail, he exceeds not ten or eleven inches in length. He stands with ease on his two hind legs; but he commonly walks on four. The female is not subject to the menfes.

* The Cayenne sapajou is a yellowish monkey. It has large eyes, a white face, a black chin, and a slender frame. It is alert and cunning; but it is equally injured by cold as the fagoins of Brazil; *Rais. du Voyage de Groni, par Frézier, p. 163.*

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