

The MARIKINA*, or Silky Monkey.

THE marikini is commonly distinguished by the name of the small *lion-ape*. We reject this compound denomination, because the marikini is not an ape, but a fagoin. Besides, he has no more resemblance to a lion than a lark has to an ostrich, there being no other relation between them than a kind of mane round the face of the marikina, and a tuft of hair at the end of his tail. His hair is long, silky, and vivid. He has a round head, a brown face, red eyes, and round naked ears, concealed under the long hairs which surround his face: These hairs are

* *Marikina*, the name of this animal in Maragon; *Misson. de P. d'Abbeville*, p. 252.

The silky monkey, with a flat face, of a dull purple colour; ears round and naked; on the sides of the face the hairs very long, turned backwards, of a bright bay colour; sometimes yellow, and the former only in patches; the hair on the body long, very fine, silky, glossy, and of a pale bright yellow; hands and feet naked, and of a dull purple colour; claws instead of nails to each finger; length of the head and body ten inches; tail thirteen and a half, a little bushy at the end; *Pearson's Synops. of Quad.* p. 133.

Cercopithecus minor dilute olivaceus, parvo capite, Marina à Cayenne; Barrière Franc. Equil. p. 151.

Cercopithecus ex albo flavicans, faciei circumferentia faterate rufa; le petit siage-lion; Brisson. Quad. p. 142.

Simia rosalia, caudata, imberbis, capite pilolo, faciei circumferentia pedibusque rubris, ungulibus sabulatis; Linn. Syst. Nat. p. 41.

of a bright red colour, and those on the body and tail are pale yellow, almost white. This animal has the same manners, the same vivacity, and the same inclinations with the other sagouins. Its constitution seems to be more robust; for we have seen one that lived five or six years in Paris, without any other precaution than keeping it during the winter in a warm room.

Distinctive Characters of this Species.

The marikina has neither cheek-pouches nor callosities on the buttocks. His tail is flaccid, or not prehensile, and almost twice as long as both the head and body. He has round naked ears, long reddish hairs around the face, and bright yellowish white hairs, nearly of an equal length on the rest of the body, with a considerable tuft at the extremity of the tail. He walks upon four feet; and exceeds not eight or nine inches in length. The female is not subject to the menfes.

Plate CCXCII.



A. Bell's sculp.

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