

The SAKI\*, or Fox-tailed Monkey.

THE faki, which is commonly called the *fox-tailed monkey*, because its tail is garnished with very long hair, is the largest of the sagoins. When full grown, it is about seventeen inches long; but the largest of the other five species exceeds not nine or ten. The hair on the body of the faki is very long, and that on the tail is still longer. His face is reddish, and covered with a whitish down. He is easily distinguished from all the other sagoins, sapajous, and monkeys, by the following characters:

\* Fox-tailed monkey, with a swarthy face, covered with short down; forehead and sides of the face with whitish and pretty long hair; body with long dusky brown hairs, white or yellowish at their tips; hair on the tail very long and bushy, sometimes black, sometimes reddish; belly and lower part of the limbs a reddish white. Length from nose to tail near a foot and a half, tail longer, and like that of a fox: Hands and feet black, with claws instead of nails; *Pennant's Synops. of Quad. p. 130.*

Saki. *Simia minima*, capite albedo, dorso fusco, pone rufescente, cauda crinita. *Salzee Winkes; Brews's Nat. Hist. of Jamaica, chap. v. sect. 5.*

Cagui major *Brasiliensis*; *Marcgr. p. 217.*

*Cercoptes hecus* pilis nigris, apice albedo, restitutus, cauda pilis longissimis nigris obdita; *Brisson. Quad. p. 138. 141.*

*Simia pithecia*, caudata, imberbis, vellere nigro, apice albo, cauda nigra, villosissima; *Linn. Syst. Nat. p. 40.*

*Saccawinke; Bancroft's Guiana, p. 135.*

*Distinctive*

*Distinctive Characters of this Species.*

The saki has neither cheek-pouches nor callosities on his buttocks. His tail is flaccid, not prehensile, and one half longer than both head and body. The partition of the nostrils is very thick, and the apertures placed at a side. The face is tawny, and covered with a fine, short, whitish down. The hair on the upper parts of the body is blackish brown, and that on the belly and other inferior parts is reddish white. The hair on the body is still longer than that on the tail, beyond the point of which it hangs near two inches. The hair on the tail is generally blackish brown, like that on the body. This species seems to vary in colour. Some sakis have the hair both on the body and tail of a reddish yellow colour. This animal walks on four feet, and is near a foot and a half in length. The females are not subjected to the periodical evacuation.

Plate CCLXXXIX.



SAKI or FOX TAIL MONKEY.