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## HIMALAYAN SERVAL.

*Felis Himalayanus.*

## PLATE XXIV\*.

OUR attention was directed to this curious cat by Mr Warwick of the Surry Zoological Gardens, whose assistance we have already had occasion to mention. The skin was received from the Himalayan district of India ; and Mr Warwick procured for us a characteristic drawing by Mr Leer, of which our plate is a copy ; and the accuracy of that gentleman's zoological portraits are so well known, that we can place every dependence upon it. As far as we can judge from this drawing, and Mr Warwick's description which accompanied it, we are aware of no animal that this can be referred to ; the size is much beyond what has been just now given of the common serval, and the peculiar tint of the ground shade is different from that of the spotted cats. We have therefore named it provisionally as above, and shall now give the dimensions and descriptions as they were sent to us.

Total length from the nose to the end of the tail, is 3 feet 2 inches ; that of the tail  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches, considerably shorter in comparison than that of the serval.



*FELIS HIMALAYANUS?*

(Himalayan Serval.)

The girth round the body is 1 foot 7 inches; the height at the shoulder 1 foot 2 inches. The colour of the upper parts of this animal are greyish-brown, which becomes paler towards the belly, and on the lower parts is nearly pure white. Along the back there are four rows of extremely elongated spots, which run in stripes between the ears over the forehead; upon the sides the spots become shorter and more irregular in their lengthened distribution, and upon the sides of the breast and limbs, are round and smaller. A streak extends from the corner of the eye upon the cheek, until in a line with the base of the ear; beneath it another streak of less length but parallel to it. The tail is obscurely ringed, with eight or nine bars,—all these dark markings are of very deep chocolate brown.