

it may be considered as a particular species, placed between the ostrich and the common cassowary, and forming the intermediate link or passage from one to the other.

Its size is larger than that of the Indian cassowary, and it is about seven feet in length. It stands also higher upon its legs; its neck is more elongated; its wings are shorter, and quite useless for any purposes of flight; they are not furnished with large feathers, but are wholly formed of small ones similar to those that cover the rest of the body. But its most distinguishing peculiarity, is, that it is without the bony protuberance in the form of a helmet, which covers the top of the cassowary's head; another singularity is a sort of notching or denting which runs along the hind part of the legs.

On the other hand, this bird approaches to the ostrich in the form of the beak, and the head being covered on the top with thinly scattered feathers, very similar to hair. The neck is covered with feathers as low as the throat, and those parts which are naked are somewhat of a purple colour: the colour of the plumage is a mixture of a dirty brown and grey, in which it resembles the Indian cassowary; the feathers of the belly alone are rather