

The male and female rarely separate: they place, like the eagles, their nests on the summits of the loftiest trees, or on the points of inaccessible rocks: this nest also is formed like that of the eagle, viz. it is not hollow, but flat and level, like a planched floor. It is composed of twigs and flexible branches, and is solid enough to support a man without any danger of sinking. The female deposits on the surface of this nest, which is formed of nothing but sticks without any soft substance, two eggs, almost round and entirely white. While she covers them, the male is occupied in the chase and in the care of providing for the support of his family: but when the young ones have acquired some growth, their appetite becomes so great, that the male is no longer able to satisfy it, and the female is then obliged to lend her assistance towards this duty.

The griffard is, in fact, very voracious. Levillant preserved a live one, whose wing only he had broken by the shot of a gun. This bird refused all kinds of aliment for three entire days; but as soon as he resolved upon taking any nourishment, he became insatiable: he was extremely agitated at the sight of meat when presented to him; and he often swallowed entire morsels of a pound weight: