

inches three lines in circumference: the hind toe is three inches seven lines long, and the curvature of the talon is two inches nine lines: the internal toe measures, from the commencement of the claw, two inches ten lines, and the claw is two inches long. When the bird is standing on its feet, the space between the extremity of the talon of the middle toe in front, and that of the talon of the hind toe, is eleven inches. It is evident that these dimensions are much greater than the corresponding ones in the eagle which I have called the *Great Eagle of Guiana*, though the size of the latter is greater than that of the present one: and this disparity of proportion, joined to those of form and colour which exists between them, may lead us to conjecture with some probability, that they are different species.

The tuft, which is common to the heads of both these birds, has also some differences: that of the destroying eagle is not so long; it has only one feather, which is larger than the others; while in the tuft of the great eagle of Guiana, the two middle feathers are longer than the rest: and this single feather of the tuft of the destroying eagle is only four