

one wing, I kept it some days alive: I fastened it by one foot to a bench in the middle of my canoe. It did not appear mischievous: it did not endeavour to attack the persons by whom it was surrounded: but this tranquillity was, perhaps, the effect of its captivity, or of the pain which the wound caused: it constantly refused every kind of nourishment; and to abridge its sufferings I had it killed and skinned. Its flesh not presenting a very delicate food, the person who preserved my birds, threw it away, so that I could not examine whether it was a male or female. Mauduyt conjectures that it was a female, and that the male is precisely the same, unless perhaps, that it is not quite so large, that its breast is black, and that its plumage is altogether more lively. But this is merely presumption which does not seem to have much foundation.

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NO naturalist has given either a description or a figure of this animal: both the one and the

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