

probably, two eggs, the same as the female of the eagle. These eggs are white, spotted with reddish brown.

This species is more numerous, and at the same time larger, on the borders of the Amazon, than in any other part of these countries. The quill feathers of its wings, the largest of which are about a cubit in length, serve to write with. The natives of *Cartoes* make whistles of its claws, which they ornament with different feathers. Its feathers, burned and applied in the form of powder to the bite of spiders, possess a particular property of extracting the venom and appeasing the pains which it occasions: they have also the same property of curing the bite of other venomous animals, except the rattle-snake. Lastly, its talons, burned and reduced to a powder, and a dose of two drachms being swallowed, is said to be an excellent remedy for gonorrhœas and the fluor albus.

It will easily be believed that I relate these pretended properties of the ouira ouassou only because I wish to omit nothing that is known of so large and so rare a bird: and I believe, that notwithstanding the testimony of Don Laurent de Potflitz, no one will be tempted to try the efficacy of his recipes.