

fact, he resembles the eagle only in his size, for he is longer than the common eagle, and approaches to the great eagle in the bulk of his body, but has not the same extent of flight. The percnoptere seems to be more rare than that of other vultures, yet it is found, though in small numbers, in the Pyrenees, in the Alps, and in the mountains of Greece.

The ordinary length of the male percnoptere is three feet two inches, and that of the female three feet eight inches: its breadth from tip to tip of the wings, when extended, is nine feet: that of the male is only eight feet. The plumage of both of them is a reddish colour, mixed with some brown spots: the quill feathers of the wings and those of the tail are black: the belly and the hind part of the thighs are white: the head is elongated: the eyes are small: the head and neck void of feathers, but covered with a smooth down, thick and very white, through which may be seen the bluish colour of the skin: the crop is very prominent, covered with a brown down surrounded with white: the lower part of the neck is encircled with long, straight, and rather stiff feathers, which form a sort of cravat: