

of their amours. When the bird is young its plumage is considerably intermingled with a reddish colour.

The size of this bird is about the same as the falcon of Europe: its feet are very long, and this particularity approximates it to the sparrow-hawk, with which it has greater affinities than with the falcon. The female is one third stronger than the male. She lays four white eggs, almost round. "In voyages such as I have made," says Levaillant, "one tastes of every thing: I have eaten of these eggs when newly laid; when baked, the white retains a great transparency and a blueish tinge: the yelk is of a fine red or saffron colour, and the inside of the shell of a green colour."

Levaillant found this beautiful species of falcon in Caffraria and the neighbouring countries, as well as in the Karrow and Cambdeboo.