beak is very crooked, its tail exceeds the wings a little, and the feet are very short. It has the feathers of the head, the top of the neck and the back of a reddish brown, and their quills blackish; the scapulary feathers and those of the rump are of a clear red; the throat and the front part of the neck whitish; the feathers of the breast of a reddish white, and the quills brown: the belly and the legs are of a reddish, uniform brown; the under covert feathers of the tail white; the large quill feathers of the wings blackish, with whitish spots; the tail brown on the top, and on the under part white, with fine transversal blackish spots: the feet and the toes yellow; the talons black, and the beak blueish.

Van Ernest observed in the collection of the Society at Batavia another falcon very similar to this, and which he considers as the female of the falcon of Java, from which it differs only in the paler tinge of the plumage and by the reddish colour of the under covert feathers of the tail.