

of quails: they place their nests in the holes of trees which is a still further similarity with nocturnal birds.

They are not larger than a pigeon: their feet are naked. The skin which is upon the beak, the eye-lids, and the feet is yellow: the head, and the covert feathers of the legs and the under part of the tail are brown; all the body is of a brown colour, shaded with a bluish tinge, with the exception of the belly; the wings are of a bluish brown; the first seven large quill feathers have their tips blackish. The tail, consisting of twelve large feathers, is brown both above and below.

THE FALCK.

THE name of *Falck* has been given to this bird in honor of the traveller who introduced it to the notice of naturalists,* and because the colours of its plumage do not present any characters sufficiently striking to serve as a denomination that may distinguish it clearly from

* Falck. Voyages, Tom. iii. p. 329.