

passes above the eyes, and extends towards the commencement of the neck. The throat, the fore part of the neck, and all the under part of the body are white. The large covert feathers of the wings are black, and the quills white, from their insertion to about half their length, and the rest is black. Twelve feathers form the tail; the two middle ones are white at their origin, then black, and terminated by white: the three next on each side have the same colours with the exception that the white at the extremity increases in proportion as the quill is more exterior: the fifth feather is entirely white on the outer part, marked with black at the middle, on the interior side; and lastly, the outermost one is totally white; the beak, the feet, and the claws are black.

The ordinary length of this bird is about nine inches and a half from the tip of the beak to that of the tail: its breadth from point to point of the wings when extended, is thirteen inches, and its wings when folded, project about one quarter over the length of the tail. The nostrils are covered with small feathers and black bristles; and similar bristles are visible at the corners of the mouth.

The female is distinguished from the male only