

beak is of a cinereous brown colour; the iris of the eye is whitish; the top and back of the head black; under the eyes there is a spot of a bright red colour, terminated with white, and on the neck four black spots of a circular form; the upper part of the neck, the back, the rump, the covert feathers of the top of the tail, those of the under part of the wings and the scapulary feathers are brown; the throat, the upper part of the neck, the breast, the sides, and the legs are white; the covert feathers of the under part of the tail are red; the tail is of a clear brown colour; the feet and the nails are black.

THE BRUBRU.

THE name which Levaillant has given to this bird expresses at once its cry: it pro-

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Its length is about five inches. Levaillant observes that Brisson has described this bird twice over, first by the name of *Red tail*, and afterwards by that of the *tufted blackbird of China*; and he asserts that it is not a butcher bird, but actually a blackbird.