

colour, more or less deep. The under part of the wing is of a brownish grey; its tail is very oblique. The upper part of the leg is covered with a downy plumage, and on its head are feathers of a reddish grey. The quill feathers of the wings, black at their extremities, are brown with grey stripes in the interior.

Although this bird has not any feathers of a whitish colour on the head, yet it differs but little from the European kite, and it may be considered as being of a species, if not absolutely the same, yet very approximate to the former. It is well known that our kites emigrate during the winter into these countries. It is very probable that a moulting, occasioned by the change of country, and producing other shades of plumage, may have altered the external appearance of this bird, in which, otherwise, we find the same habits as in those of Europe.