

stripes of a blackish brown on a lighter ground : a light fawn colour borders the extremity of the tail. The plumage of the female is more cinereous and more dull, and the young ones are covered with a greyish down, to which succeeds a brownish plumage that gradually becomes darker and darker. The female is larger than the male.

This bird places its nest in the sombre glens of some solitary rock, or upon an isolated tree in the bosom of the deserts, or even among briars and in uncultivated places. The female lays four eggs with red spots.

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#### THE BACHA.

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IT is on the arid and rugged rocks of southern Africa that the buzzard, called *bacha*, is to be met with : among these rocks, burned by a continual sun, this animal utters his lamentable cries. Solitary, upon some overhanging eminence, stretching his piercing sight over the

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