

the dangers of a long navigation for the advancement of the sciences, and particularly of natural history. It is probable that this bird, found in the island of Trinity, is also spread over the continent of America.

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TOWARDS the flowery banks of the Orange river, and in the country of the Great Namaquois, at the southern extremity of Africa, Levillant frequently saw a new species of screech owl, which seemed to differ a little from the family to which it belongs, and to approximate in proportion towards the diurnal birds of prey. Although it hunts only during the night, yet it flies very well in daylight, when forced so to do; but then the small birds become courageous, on account of the weakness of sight of this bird at that time, hunt and pursue it, while at the same time they are secure from injury; but scarcely have the shades of evening approached, when they display their ardour for the chase, and carry fear  
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