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THE BLUISH BUSTARD.

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THIS is a new species found in the southern parts of Africa; we know nothing more of it than what is to be found in a slight indication given by Levaillant, in his first travels in the interior of Africa, vol. 2, p. 226. This able ornithologist, intending, no doubt, to be more full in his *Natural History of African Birds*, the continuation of which is expected with impatience and with curiosity, expresses himself simply, in the following manner, on this bustard, to which Sonnini added the epithet of bluish, to designate the most remarkable colour of its plumage.

“ In Caffraria, my dogs,” says Levaillant, “ put up a bustard, which I killed; it will form a new species to be described. Larger than the *small bustard* of Europe, the plumage of the neck in front, as well as the breast and the belly, are of a uniform greyish blue. All the upper part of the body is of a reddish colour, dotted and striped with an almost black colour; its note is very similar to that of the toad, but it is more powerful.”