

In one of these journies I saw, myself, upon a mountain, a bird about the size of a pigeon, with a brown plumage, having on its head a red fleshy crest, short wings, and the tail like that of a hen, which it also resembled in its deportment and walk. I was enabled to examine it very leisurely; it did not seem to be at all ferocious. The negro who carried my gun, had stopped at some distance, and when he rejoined me the bird had taken refuge in the thickness of the forest, and we sought for it in vain.

This circumstance, joined to the crowing of the cocks heard in the woods, and the knowledge which the natives had of wild cocks at Guiana, left me in no doubt as to their existence in South America, and I communicated to the world all that I was enabled to learn of this circumstance, without any other motive than to intimate the existence of a new species in this class of birds.

Some time after the publication of the notification in the journal already mentioned, appeared Sonnerat's *Voyage to the Indies and China*. Sonnerat was commissary of marine, and, like myself at that time, correspondent of the king's cabinet. This traveller described very minutely two birds, male and female, of  
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