
FOREIGN BIRDS

Which seem to have an Affinity with the Pheasant and the Peacock.*

THE ELEGANT PEACOCK.

THE figure of this superb and beautiful bird is often seen on the painted papers of China, and in Chinese books; and it is probable also that it is the same species, the likeness of which they embroider upon apparel, and which is thus rendered of a very high price.

On the forehead of this bird there is a round fleshy gland; two other elongated ones hang under the throat, and they are all of a lively red. A tuft in the form of a fan, and of a blue colour, rises from the top of the head which is, itself, green as well as the upper part of the neck; on this last part there are long feathers variegated

* Under this indecisive title are arranged certain foreign birds, which are too little known (but yet curious) to be assigned a more determinate rank.