

these regions have occasioned multiplied denominations, which it would be at once tedious and useless to recapitulate. Linnæus has constituted a new genus of birds in the hocco, under the appellation of *crax*; and he has designated the species which I am describing, under the title of the fury *Alecto*, daughter of Acheron and Night. It is not very easy to comprehend the reason of this denomination.

I shall speak only of the *black hocco*, the only variety or species which I saw on the continent of French Guiana, and the only one, indeed, which appears to exist there. It is the fourth black pheasant of Barrere, the twelfth of Brisson, and, as I have already said, the *crax alecton* of Linnæus. It approaches to the size of a turkey-cock; it has the head, the tuft, and the neck, of a beautiful velvet black colour; the belly, the inferior covert feathers of the tail, and a part of the feathers which cover the legs, are of a dull white, the rest of the plumage of a deep black; the membrane of the beak, the temples, and the circle round the eyes of a beautiful yellow; the end of the beak and the eyes black; the feet of a bluish cinereous colour; and lastly, the claws of a white colour, tinged with yellow. The sides of the head are covered with short feathers, which