

which are soft to the touch, and there is also a semi-circle observable, which is white and bare; these are the ears. The wings when they are folded, that is, when they are in a state of repose, do not project further than the origin of the tail.

Dimensions. The total length, taken from the extremity of the beak to the end of the tail, two feet ten inches and a half; the beak is two inches long, nearly an inch broad at its base, and about thirteen lines in thickness; the apertures of the nostrils are four lines in length, and nearly three in breadth. The length of the foot is four inches; the middle toe, including the nail, is three inches three lines: the hind toe one inch eight lines; the wings fourteen inches, and the tail nearly a foot; it projects six inches and a half beyond the wings when they are folded.

Plates, in natural history, are destined to shew to the eye what description but imperfectly communicates to the mind. But the reader would be deceived, who should expect to find a true representation of the *black hocco* in a collection of coloured engravings published at Florence, with more splendor than precision, under the title of *Storia degli uccelli*. This bird is there hardly recognizable;
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