

from the body. Shades of green and light red diversify the dark ground of the back and wings. The quill feathers of the tail are long, of a greenish brown, and terminated by a dirty white. White, shaded with red, is the colour of all the under parts of the body, except that the red is unmixed upon the under covert feathers of the wings, upon the belly, and on the legs; the feet and toes are red, and the claws black. But what distinguishes it most particularly is a long tuft, formed of straight feathers, red from the point of their insertion to about one half of their length, the rest black, and the largest of which hang down behind to the middle of the neck. It has not the power of erecting this beautiful crest like some birds; when it is moved in any manner, it has simply the power of raising the feathers, or rather stiffening them, so that they remain horizontal; and under the same circumstances the tail enlarges itself, and becomes rounded like a fan.

This species of bird is not very numerous, at least in those parts of Guiana which Sonnini traversed. He sometimes met them in pairs, and sometimes in troops of six or eight at most. They are never to be found in the large woods, nor in elevated places; they frequent,