

frequent, in preference, the marshy savannahs, and this preference is founded upon their wants, for they live upon the leaves and berries of a large species of tree called *moucou-moucou* by the inhabitants, and which grows in none but watery places. Wherever there are many of these aquatic plants, there is almost certain to be a number of *sasas*, being great or small, in proportion to the quantity of subsistence. This species of food, which they can take only when they are perched (for the root of the *moucous-moucous* is in the water) gives them a habit of this situation: and hence they are rarely seen upon the ground. During a great part of the day they remain tranquil on some low and shady branch by the side of the water; their flight is short and heavy; they are not fierce, but, on the contrary, their manners appear to be mild, peaceable, and social; when they are in troops they keep all on the same branch, ranged in a line close against each other, and without any disagreement. They pronounce their own name *sasa*, very distinctly, and with a strong voice, but which is rough and disagreeable. Nor is this the only disagreeable feature about them; they exhale, likewise, so strong an odour of *castoreum*, that their flesh is not eatable; yet
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