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THE LARGE QUAIL OF MADAGASCAR.

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THIS species, which is twice as large as that of the European quail, is easily cognisable, by its reddish coloured feet, with white bands: and by its throat, its breast, and its belly, being black, spotted with white. The top part of the body is of a yellowish brown colour, with white stripes upon the back and the nape of the neck, which last are also crossed with black stripes; a white line, which commences at each corner of the beak, passes over the eyes. The prime quill feathers of the wings are of an earthy brown colour; the others are black, with white stripes: the tail, which is black, is furrowed with yellowish lines; the feet are reddish, and the beak is black.

M. Sonnerat was the person who first discovered and first described this bird; but he has added nothing which can give us any knowledge of its manners.