

a sparrow; its length is four inches. The upper part of the body is black, as well as its feet and beak. Its throat is white, its breast grey, spotted with black. The belly is yellowish, with black stripes. Upon the wings may be remarked some grey stripes, and the sides are coloured with a lively red. This quail has four toes on each foot, and differs from the other species which is to be found upon the same island, and which the reader will find an account of in the following article.

THE THREE-TOED QUAIL OF THE ISLAND
OF LUCON.

WHATEVER difference may appear to be established by the want of a toe in birds, which usually have four on each foot, yet it is not without a precedent. Not only this species, but the quail of Madagascar, that of Gibraltar and of Andalusia, are of this number. The external form, the manners, the motions of the bird, all tend to approximate