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### THE CROSS-BEAKED RAVEN.

ONLY one individual of this singular species has hitherto been found ; it was killed at Porto Rico, by Maugé, a traveller and naturalist, and its skin is preserved in the cabinet of natural history at Paris.

This bird does not differ in its form or plumage from the common raven ; but its beak has a very singular conformation ; its two parts, or chaps, are crossed one upon the other. It is impossible to decide whether this bird therefore, hitherto *alone* in the collections of natural history, be a distinct species ; or whether the peculiar shape of its beak have arisen from some accident. The latter, indeed, may be argued with some degree of plausibility ; but besides that we have a similar conformation in  
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