

distinct species. Its length is about eighteen inches, and that of the quill feathers of the tail about seven inches.

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#### THE CORBIVAU.

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BY this epithet, *corbivau*, Levaillant has designated an African bird, whose external characters, and whose natural disposition approximate it equally to the raven and the vulture, between which nature seems to have placed it as the connecting link which unites these two ignoble and uncleanly species. It appears, however, to approach nearest to the raven, the form of whose body it has, as well as the feet, toes, and feathers on the forehead inclining forwards and covering the nostrils. Its points of similarity with the vultures, are its beak, compressed on the sides, convex at top, very much curved and rounded; the length of the wings, which project beyond the tail three inches; and lastly, the feathers of the tail being sloped. A very singular characteristic,