

having began by tearing out the eyes and the tongue.* They may be seen perched in great numbers upon the backs of buffaloes, oxen, horses, rhinoceri, and elephants, whom it relieves from the larvæ of insects which are lodged upon them.

Levaillant met with the Corbivau in the whole course of his travels through Southern Africa; yet it is more rare in the environs of Cape Town, and more common among the Great Namaquois, and in Negroland.

Bruce mentions, in his travels in Nubia and Abyssinia, a very large species of raven, the plumage of which is mixed with a black and brown colour, the tip of the beak white, and the back part of the head crowned with white feathers in the form of a calix. This African raven does not, however, seem to be much different from the corbivau, and perhaps it may be of the same species.

* This singular fact is attested by Levaillant, as well as all the other particulars of the corbivau.