

breast are of a brown grey; the belly and the legs of the same colour, only clearer: the back, the small covert feathers of the wings, and those of the under part of the tail, are a red colour; the prime quill feathers of the wings are of a shining black, with shades of green. On the four longest quill feathers there are two white spots, one on each side of the stem; so that when the wings are folded, only one of these spots is visible. The iris of the eyes is yellow.

Sonnerat found this species in the island of Macoa in China; but he could only obtain a description of it, which does not form the most interesting portion of natural history.

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#### THE RED MAGPIE OF CHINA.

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ANOTHER bird, which Sonnerat observed in China, and which he has called the *Red Magpie of China*, possesses, in fact, all the characters of the magpie, viz. a strong beak in the form of an elongated cone, and a little curved; the feathers at the basis of the beak projecting