

Brown, who first described it, considered it as a jackdaw, and it must be confessed that on a superficial view, the figure which this author has given might be mistaken for a jackdaw rather than a jay.

The size of this bird is that of the common jay. Its head is of a deep green, marked with blue on the top, and lower down with a pale green, with a spot of the same colour under each ear, and another on the hinder part of the head. The neck, the breast, the belly, the back, and the covert feathers of the wings, are of a deep varying green colour: an obscure brown hue covers the quill feathers of the wings, and those of the tail; the first are terminated with blue, and the second with white. The feet and the beak are blackish.

This species lives in the thickest forests of Surinam and Carthagenæ, and it feeds upon fruits, grains, and insects. Its voice is sonorous, but monotonous. It is easily domesticated, and it may be reared by feeding it with raw and baked meats.