

it in the interior of the southern part of Africa, and what is said above has been extracted from the travels of this celebrated writer.

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#### THE MALKOHA.

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IT is thus that the natives of the island of Ceylon denominate a bird which is ranged by nomenclators in the list of cuckoos, though its habits separate it from birds of this genus, all of which are devourers of insects, while the Malkoha, according to Foster, feeds solely upon fruits. This bird, therefore, cannot be considered as a cuckoo, since it differs from it by a feature so characteristical and so decided as that of food, which necessarily supposes a dissimilarity of organisation in the internal parts; but, as the external conformation of the malkoha approaches nearer to the cuckoo than to any other bird, it may, properly enough, be here mentioned, with the above salvo; though we agree with Sonnini in protesting against a classification of it with the cuckoo genus, after the example of certain nomenclators.