

clators. In the absence, however, of certain data, which may specifically designate its place in the scale of creation, it becomes a necessity to place it as near as possible, according to our erring and fallible judgments.

The total length of the malkoha is sixteen inches, and its weight four ounces; its beak is thick, very much curved, and of a greenish yellow colour; its tail is very long and sloping; and a sort of large cap, as red as fire, surrounded with white, covers the head as low down as the eyes; the hind part of the head, and the top of the neck, have white spots upon a blackish green ground; the fore part of the neck, the back, the wings, and the quill feathers of the tail, are of a black colour, shaded lightly with green; the throat, the breast, and the belly, are white, the same as the end of the tail; the feet are of a pale blue colour.