
OF THE SPARROW KIND.

THE WHITE-TAILED BLACKBIRD.

THIS is a species which is found in Europe, but of which neither Buffon, nor his coadjutor Guenau de Montbeillard, makes any mention. There may indeed be some doubts whether it is a blackbird, for the author of the work on the natural history of the country in which it is found, calls it a crow; and yet, to judge from its figure, there can be no doubt that it is rather a blackbird than a crow.

All its plumage is black, except the rump, the legs, and the quill feathers of the tail, the pure white of which gives a lustre to the rest of the bird. A black band forms the extremity of the tail, and it extends to the two middle quill feathers as far as nearly one half of their length. The beak has a blackish tinge, and the feet and the claws are of a light yellow colour.

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