

one half so far. Another discrepancy, which in the opinion of Levaillant, ought to be considered as characteristical is, that the female of our rock blackbird is distinguishable from the male only by a diminished lustre of colour, while the female of the rocar is not only smaller than the male, but of a clear brown colour on the head and neck, whereas these parts in the male are of a whitish grey. The result of an attentive examination of the two birds, which are very nearly approximated in many particulars, proves, however, that they cannot be united in such a manner as to form but one distinct species.

The male rocar is nearly the size of the European blackbird, but its tail not being so long the form of its body appears more concentrated; when young it has not a bluish head, which gives it a greater affinity with the female, as the hues of the plumage of both are very weak, and the red feathers are edged with brown, and the brown with red: this disposition of the colours gives them the appearance of being covered with scales.

Levaillant killed, upon Table Mountain, a young male rocar that had a white tail, as well as a part of the wings, of the same colour; he saw this species of blackbird  
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