

he prolongs them through the night like the nightingale, and like it, he is silent when he has fulfilled the destiny of nature, by uniting himself to a companion for the production of beings like himself.

The colour of the plumage of this bird is a mixture of brown, bluish grey, and olive, on the upper part of the body, and on the under part an orange yellow colour, which becomes weaker on the belly. The quill feathers of the wings are black, edged with a bluish grey; the four middle ones of the tail are blackish; a beautiful yellow colour prevails on the others, with a blackish border. The feet are yellow; the iris of the eyes is a deep brown, and the beak is horn colour. The tail is quadrangular at its extremity, and the wings, when folded, do not extend far beyond the point of its insertion.

The female is smaller than the male, and its colours are less decidedly marked. In the young bird, some feathers on the back, and the upper covert feathers of the wings, have an orange-coloured border.

This species of blackbird is found in the south of Africa, in the forests of Anteniquoi, and in the environs of Bruyntjes-Hoogte, as well as in the country of Caffraria.