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THE GREEN, COLLARED BLACKBIRD.

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NO naturalist whatever has taken any notice of this species of blackbird, of which, an extremely well preserved individual makes part of the collection of Viellot, who permitted Sonnini to describe it. He received it from a friend at Bourdeaux, who had brought it from the kingdom of Congo, where this beautiful bird is very common.

The plumage is, in general, of an olive green colour on the top of the body, and of a lighter tinge on the under part. But there are brilliant exceptions to this general hue, which interrupt its uniformity. The forehead is yellow; a black covering, which is attached by a straight stripe of the same colour to the angles of the beak, forms a sort of gorget, which is hung upon the lively red feathers of the throat, and spreads over the front of the neck and the breast. This dazzling colour of the breast changes into a dull brown colour, and continues in a straight line as far as the