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**THE SCALY BLACKBIRD.**

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THE plumage of this bird being regularly festooned, so as to resemble the appearance of scales on a fish, has given rise to its denomination by Levaillant. This traveller was the first that ever described it, and he saw one preserved in the collection of M. Temmink, envoy at Batavia.

The upper mandible is more curvated than is usual in blackbirds; the tail is a little sloping, and the wings, folded, reach to about one half of its length. It is about the size of a thrush; the head, the neck, and the breast, are of a dull black colour; each feather on the breast is marked with a spot in the form of a V; the rest of the under part of the body is a dirty white colour, shaded with yellow, and each feather is terminated by a sort of black festoon; the feathers on the upper part of the body, as well as the upper covert feathers, and the quill feathers of the wings and tail, are black, edged with yellow, except the  
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