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THE LARK OF TARTARY.

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THIS species appears to differ from all others in some particular characteristics which are peculiar to it. Its beak is thicker and more convex than that of other larks; the angles of the chaps and its nostrils are covered with feathers, or rather with thick hairs; and its tail, which is of a middling length, is a little forked. Add to these differences a form very considerable, and which is similar to that of the starling.

When the bird is old, the whole body is of a deep black colour; a small whitish stripe, with which the feathers of the head and the under part of the neck are encircled, is scarcely perceptible; this border is somewhat larger on the feathers of the back and under the wing, and hardly apparent on the upper covert feathers; the quill feathers are black; from the tenth quill feather to the nineteenth, they have a whitish edging; all the quill feathers