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THE LARK OF YELTON.

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THIS is another large lark of the northern regions; it has been found beyond the Volga, on the borders of the lake Yelton. It lives in troops. Its flesh is very delicate, and loaded with fat in the month of August.

Its size is the same as that of the lark of Tartary, but the form of its beak is different; it is cylindrical and *en alêne*, nearly like that of all larks; but it is thicker; its tongue is also forked, and the claw of the hind toe, longer than the toe itself, is almost straight, so that it is impossible to doubt that this bird is in fact of the lark species.

It is almost entirely black; there are some reddish feathers on the head, the back, and the covert feathers of the wings; the sixth quill feather of the wing is edged, externally, with white, and the two middle ones of the tail are red. The beak is black at the basis, and whitish all the rest.