

ble when the bird is contemplated in front, or when he is placed lower than the eye; when seen sideways the throat appears brown; the plumage on the top of the body is of a very brilliant gilded green colour; on the under part also it is of a shining green; shades of red and copper-colour sport upon the covert feathers of the wings and tail; the quill feathers of the wings are mixed with black and violet, and those of the tail with green and indigo blue; the feet, as well as half of the upper mandible, are black; underneath the beak is of a yellowish brown.

French Guiana is the natal country of this bird; it is three inches five lines long.

THE SASIN.

THIS name of *sasin* has been simplified by Sonnini, from the compound *sasinnéer sasin*, the appellation by which this species of humming bird is known in the bay of Nootka. It is sufficiently remarkable, particularly from the fiery red colour with which the throat,