

and a part of the front of the neck, are covered. On the sides of the neck small tufts of detached feathers, longer than the others, and of the same brilliant colour, form a kind of ruff or collar; the rest of the under part of the body is white, very slightly tinged with the same beautiful red colour which prevails on the throat: the head is a gilded green; on the body a red brick colour prevails, and on the covert feathers of the wings a dull green; the quill feathers of the tail are red, which are pointed at their ends, and sloping, forming other characteristics which distinguish this humming bird: the length of which is about three inches and a half.

Instead of the fiery red collar which the male has, the female has, upon the throat, only some spots of a lively red colour; her plumage on the top of the body is a gilded green, and the lateral quill feathers of the tail are terminated with white.