

colibri from a prepared specimen of it which is to be found in the Cabinet of Natural History at Paris.

A shining green colour covers all the upper parts of the body, as well as the two middle quill feathers of the tail; the under part is of a brownish grey, deeper on the breast than on the throat, and spotted with white; the wings have shades of violet colour, which appear upon a dark brown ground; the black quill feathers of the tail have their extremities white, and a stripe of the same colour on the top extends to about two thirds of their length; the beak and the feet are blackish.

Before we conclude this account of the most singular and beautiful part of the feathered creation, we will mention the *variegated colibri*, the smallest of the species that has yet been discovered. It hardly weighs fifty grains, and its whole length is scarcely an inch and a half.

On the head of this minute animal appears a tuft or crest of shining green feathers, and the tips of which reflect a golden hue; the wings and the tail are black, and the rest of the plumage is of a greenish brown, with shades of purple. The beak is black. This brilliant variety of shades and colours has given rise to
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