THE RED-HEADED GREENFINCH.

THIS species is nearly the same size as the common European greenfinch, and its length is about five inches; the tail is slightly forked; and the claw of the hind toe is longer and more curved than the claws of the other toes.

A brownish red covers the top of the head and the upper part of the neck; the throat, and the front part of the neck, are of an olive green, the colour of which becomes deeper on the back; the under part of the body is yellowish, being somewhat paler on the belly; the large covert feathers of the wings are brown, with a yellow border; and the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth quill feathers, have a yellow spot in their centre; the tail is blackish, and terminated by an ash colour. The beak is blackish at its root, and the under chap or mandible is of a pale grey colour. The feet are of a clear brown, and the claws are blackish.