

Van Ernest saw, in Holland, a bird of this species alive ; it had been taken on the coast of Cochin China ; its cry was very similar to that of our greenfinch ; but besides this cry, it had a dull kind of warbling, which it uttered only after having fed, and in its moments of gaiety.

THE GREEN BULLFINCH.

THIS bird is found in the island of Java, and in the greater part of the islands of Sunda. It feeds upon various sorts of grains and particularly on rice, whole plantations of which it ravages. Its song is sonorous ; it builds its nest in trees and bushes, and it is composed of strips of grass.

It has the rump red, and one or two feathers of the same colour on the belly, excepting which, all the rest of the under part of the body is of a yellowish white colour ; the quill feathers of the wings are black, the two middle ones being marked with a red spot, and the first eight edged with red on their exterior