

ones of the colour of brick; the quill feathers of the wings are white at their basis, and those of the tail are of a pale brown. The beak is black, thick, and very short; the feet are brown; and the quill feathers of the tail equal in length, and a little pointed at their extremities.

There are two varieties of this species. The one has the under parts of the body of a whitish cinereous colour, and the space comprised between the beak and the eyes yellowish, as well as the edges of the quill feathers of the wings. The other is white under the body and on the rump. Daudin, in his Ornithology, thinks it a great and manifest error to describe these two birds as varieties of the dwarf bullfinch; because, according to him, they ought to be placed in the genus of yellow-hammers, both on account of their beak, and on account of their plumage, which is indicative of a true yellow-hammer.