

M. Loten assured me that it is, properly, a pigeon, and that it has all the motions and tones of one in caressing the female; I confess that I should never have thought to find a pigeon in a bird of this size, but for this information."

Five or six of these birds were sent to Paris, but they were all so similar to each other in size and colour, that it was not possible to distinguish the males from the females, especially as the latter did not lay. M. Mauduyt, a very able naturalist, also affirms, that he saw many of them in Holland, where they also do not lay, any more than in France. In some parts of India they are brought up and fed in court yards, like domestic fowl.

THE PURPLE PIGEON OF JAVA.

VIREY, the coadjutor of Sonnini, in editing the late splendid edition of Buffon's works, thinks

found them at Tomogui. The natives of the country call them *mututu*, and the Papous *manipi*. This bird may be tamed; it eats Indian corn; it strikes very loudly with its wings. See the plates accompanying this volume.