

yellow; a green lateral stripe, and another of cinnamon colour, proceeds from the breast as far as the orbits of the eyes. This pigeon is principally found in the island of Java, where the Malays call it *pooni jamboo*. Its stature is not very great.

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#### THE BLOOD-COLOURED TURTLE DOVE.

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SONNERAT has described two turtle doves, which have a sanguineous spot on the feathers of their breast, as if they had been mortally wounded with the stroke of a dagger in this part. This mark of cruelty, impressed upon an animal so singularly mild, so full of innocence, recalls to our recollection that the weak in our own species often carry thus the stigma of violence, while powerful and predatory beings are veiled beneath the covering of pleasure and the decorations of opulence. One of these turtle doves is entirely white, with the exception of this bloody spot upon its throat and breast; its eyes and its beak are red.

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