

feet are green as well as the beak. Its total length is nearly fourteen inches.

Before passing to the recently discovered species of this bird in the new world, we will mention two or three of the old one that are curious.

*The Hagedash* is so called by the colonists of the Cape of Good Hope. It is common at Houtinquas, and near Zwart-hops-river. It is also called *nadelde*, a word which expresses pretty accurately the cry of the bird; but the Hottentots denominate it in their language by the syllables *ta-kai-kene*, which is more difficult for a stranger to articulate than the language of the curlew itself, if indeed, the present bird be a curlew, a matter which is doubtful from the habits which have been described as peculiar to it.

It feeds principally on bulbous plants and roots, which it eradicates very easily and very quickly, with its twisted beak; it is always upon its guard, and is with difficulty approached, and it passes the night perched upon trees. The colonists assert, that when these birds are seen assembled in great troops, and flying against the wind, it is a sign of rain.

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