

this last colour, indeed, sometimes tinges a part of the covert feathers of the wings. The beak is a lively red, but the edges of the under mandible are somewhat white, as well as a spot between the nostrils; the iris is a yellowish brown; the feet and the membrane of the toes are red, but the toes themselves are black. The young ones have not only the forehead yellowish, but the top part of their head and neck, as well as their shoulders, and sometimes their throat, have the same shade united with a reddish tinge. The size of this bird is between that of a domestic goose and of the laughing goose, and its weight is not more than five pounds; the wings, when folded, extend a little beyond the tail.

THE KASARKA GOOSE.

THE name of *kasarka*, or *kassarika*, which travellers have applied to many species of geese in the northern parts of Europe, is specially appropriated in Russia to the present bird, which is one of the smallest species of wild