

who has spoken of it, and we cannot therefore do better than to repeat his words :

“ On the coast of New Holland, in  $35^{\circ} 17'$ , south latitude, and  $115^{\circ} 12'$ , of east longitude, we found a numerous troop of swans, many of which suffered themselves to be taken by the hand; but the others, aware of their danger, soon flew away. This new species is somewhat larger than the wild swan, and of a cinereous grey colour, the hue of which is somewhat clearer under the belly; the beak is blackish, and at its base it is puffed out, and of a sulphureous yellow colour; the feet are slightly tinged with red.” See *Voyage a la recherche de la Perouse, par Labillardiere, tom. 1, p. 394.*

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#### THE DUCK OF THE NILE.

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THERE are various species of wild ducks to be seen swimming on the waters of the Nile both in upper and lower Egypt; they keep on those parts of the river where projecting pieces of the land secure them from the rapidity