

describe, according to Hasselquitz, this pretended duck of the Nile, which, if it must be ranged under that genus, approaches nearly to that which is distinguished by the denomination of the *musk duck*.

The Arabs call this *back*, and it may be remarked, that *bauk* is the Arabic term for the Egyptian goose; and this similarity in designations badly pronounced or badly written, is another proof of the identity of the Egyptian goose and the duck, which Hasselquitz has called the duck of the Nile. It has the neck and the top of the head white spotted with grey; a white stripe extends behind the eyes; the back is whitish; the under part of the body greyish, and striped with black; the thighs striped with grey; the tail long and rounded; the iris of the eyes yellow; the feet red, and the callosity on the edge of the beak, as well as the fleshy excrescence at its basis, is yellow. It is found, according to Hasselquitz, in Upper Egypt and in the Red Sea; it is easily tamed, and the Egyptians bring it up in their yards.

We shall mention several other species of this numerous family of birds.

The *crooked-beaked duck*. If this duck be, in fact, a different species from the common  
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