

duck, as M. Pallas thinks, it is certainly a most rare and uncommon one, for only one individual of it has hitherto been discovered, and that one served M. Pallas for his description; and even this naturalist only saw the preserved skin in a cabinet. This duck was taken in Belgium, and it is a little larger than our wild duck; its beak is curved, or rather turned up like that which Brisson has called the *canard a bec courbè*, and which is only a variety in the species of common duck, thus deformed by the influence of a domestic state. Almost the whole bird is black; the head, the neck, and the rump, have slight shades of an obscure green; a white oval spot covers the throat, and the five external quill feathers of the wings have the same colour; the iris of the eye is fawn colour.

The *Heturrera*. Such is the name which the natives of New Zealand give to a duck, the species of which has since been found on the coasts of Queen Charlotte's Streights. It is the size of our wild duck, and its length is about twenty inches. A white stripe, which is in the form of an arch above and below the eye, has induced some nomenclators to call it the *eye-brow'd duck*; but this is too unimportant a designation, and may belong to others as well