

the feet are tinged with a bluish grey. The total length of the bird is about twenty inches. The female differs but little from the male. This species exists in many parts of India, and principally in the province of Oude; it is rarely seen in troops, and almost always in pairs; many of them are kept tame in India.

THE DUCK OF STELLER.

PALLAS has consecrated this rare and new species of duck to the memory of Steller, a learned and laborious traveller, to whom we are indebted for the discovery of it. It would be unjust to change a denomination which is equally honourable to the giver and receiver.

It was in the shoals and inaccessible rocks of Kamtschatka that Steller saw those ducks, the species of which bears his name; there they place their nests, and fly in troops upon the waters of the sea, from which they never retreat to enter the rivers. They frequent also the most northern countries of America.

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