

A couple of these birds have been seen on a river in Ostrogothia. The beak is very much like that of a goose, and the apertures of the nostrils are placed in about the middle of it; some feathers, of an irregular length, form a sort of small tuft on the back part of the head; the tail is short, and terminates in a point; and the wings, when folded, scarcely reach as far as the rump. There are, upon the head, two spots of an emerald green colour, one transversally across the nape of the neck, the other larger, which extends from one eye to the other, passing over the forehead; a circle of small black silky feathers surrounds the eyes; the back, the throat, and the front part of the neck, are black; there is a sort of collar also, of the same colour, but sparkling with violet shades; the rest of the body is white, with the exception of the breast, upon which there is a slight reddish tinge; the large quill feathers of the wings are of a blackish brown; the middling ones a mixture of black and blue, with a white edge; and the small ones a violet black externally, and white underneath. The tail is brown, and the iris of a clear brown; the beak and feet are black.

The plumage of the female, variegated with
brown,