

brown, and a reddish yellow; it has a great deal of resemblance with that of the woodcock; all the quill feathers of its wings are straight, and blackish, and there are two white spots, one larger than the other, on their covert feathers.

According to all appearance it is this female which Linnæus, Gmelin, and others, have considered as a distinct species, under the appellation of the red duck; the indications which they give, however, accord, almost in every point, with the present.

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UNDER this name, in the New Commentaries of the Academy of St. Petersburg, is the description of a northern duck, by M. Gueldenstaedt. This bird approaches nearer to the spoon-bill duck than any other of the same genus, and perhaps, therefore, it is only a variety of it. Yet it differs from it in having the head free from the tuft and the chestnut colour, as well as the breast and thighs;
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