

The *grey duck of Egypt*. Hasselquitz, who was the first that mentioned this duck, calls it the *duck of Damietta*; but as there are many species of ducks in the lakes of Damietta, it became necessary to change such a vague denomination, though it has been adopted by modern nomenclators.

The size of this bird, which Sonnini himself saw in the canals near Aboukir, is nearly equal to that of our wild duck. The general ground of its plumage is a grey, which becomes somewhat blackish on the neck, the scapular feathers and the tail; a spot, in the form of a crescent, surrounds the nape of the neck, and the quill feathers of the wings are of a blackish green.

This species is common in the lakes and ponds of the northern part of Egypt. The inhabitants catch them with nets.

THE WAFPIS.

THIS is a species of teal, and its name is formed by a contraction of the long denomina-