

there was also a remarkable disparity in the colours of the plumage. This bird has a grey forehead; the head, the neck, the back, the rump, the tail, and the breast, are of a clear marine blue; the throat and the belly are whitish; on the sides of the head there is a black stripe which traverses the eye; the covert feathers of the wings, and the scapular feathers are black; the external side of the quill feathers of the wings is the same marine blue as what prevails over the body, and their internal side is brown, as well as their end. The iris of the eyes is rose colour; the feet, the toes, and the nails are brown.

The female has the head, neck, back, and breast, of a bluish grey, and has brown instead of black, on the wings.

This, therefore, is absolutely a new species, for the discovery of which we are indebted to the researches of Perrein, an ingenious traveller. His manuscript notes say that this king fisher is common at Malimbo, upon the sea shore, from which it very rarely departs, and that it feeds upon fish and small worms.

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