

large band below the breast, are black, speckled with white. The lower secondary feathers are lengthened, and of a white colour. We know that in the tantalus ibis of naturalists, the small wing coverings are speckled with lilac, and that the under part of the body is entirely white.

We add a table of the parts of some of these birds, which we have been able to measure accurately in stuffed individuals. If we compare them with those of the skeletons of the ibis mummies, we shall judge how impossible it was for an instant to believe that these were the mummies of the tantalus.