

and his muzzle proportionally short ; his tail is seven inches in length, the hair curls downwards, and it is bare at the end ; his tongue is narrow, long, and flat ; his neck is very short, his head big in proportion to the body ; his eyes are placed low, and at a little distance from the corners of the mouth, his ears are small, and hidden by the hair ; his legs are but three inches long, the fore-feet have only two claws, the outward of which is much thicker and longer than the inward ; the hind feet have four claws, the hair of the body is about nine inches long ; smooth, and of a shining colour, diversified with red and yellow, his feet are not made to walk, but to climb and to take hold of branches of trees, on which he hangs himself by the extremity of his tail.

We know of these kind of animals only the three species we have mentioned. M. Brisson, after Seba, speaks of a fourth species, under the denomination of the *long-eared ant-eater*, but we doubt its existence ; because Seba has been guilty of more than one error in enumerating animals of this kind ; he says expressly, “ we preserve in our cabinet six species called ant-eaters,” and yet he gave only a description of five ; and amongst them he reckoned the *ysquiepatl*, or *mouffette*, an animal, not only  
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