

and the rational doubt of Ray, Seba gives the figure of an animal, under the name of the *taïibi*; and says, at the same time, that this *taïibi* is the same animal as the *tlaquatzin* of Hernandez; this is adding error upon error; for even according to Seba, his *taïibi*, which is a female, has no bag under the belly; and Hernandez gives to his *tlaquatzin* this bag as a particular characteristic; consequently the *taïibi* of Seba cannot be the *tlaquatzin* of Hernandez, as it has no pouch, nor the *taïibi* of Marcgrave, since it is a female; it is certainly, therefore, another animal badly designed, and badly described, to whom Seba thought proper to give the name of *taïibi*, and which he confounds with the *tlaquatzin* of Hernandez, which as we have said before, is our opossum. Brisson and Linnæus have, in regard to the *taïibi*, literally followed Seba; they have copied even his error in regard to the *tlaquatzin* of Hernandez, and both have made an equivocal species of this animal, the first under the name of *philandre* of Brasil, and the second under that of *philander*. The true *taïibi* of Marcgrave and Ray, is not therefore the *taïibi* of Seba, the *philander* of Linnæus, nor the Brazilian *philander* of Brison; nor are the two latter the *tlaquatzin* of Hernandez. The *taïibi* of Seba (supposing his existence)