

These animals vary in the colour\* of the hair, they are about the size of a small rabbit, or a very large rat, and are remarkable for the excessive length of their tail, snout, and the form of their teeth, which alone is sufficient to distinguish them from the opossums, the rats, and every other species of animals with which it may be supposed to relate.

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#### THE COQUALLIN.

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I DISCOVERED this animal, which was sent me from America, under the name of the *orange-coloured squirrel*, to be the same as that which Fernandes calls *quauhicolotquapachli costicotequallin*: but as these Mexican words are very difficult to pronounce, I have abridged the last to *coquallin* (*fig. 169.*). It is not a squirrel, although it greatly resembles that animal both in the figure and bushiness of the tail,

\* The hair on the upper part of the body is reddish mixed with light ash colour and yellow. The hind part of the head and middle of the back, are marked with a black line. The throat, belly, legs, and part of the tail, are of a dirty yellowish white. *Pennant's Synopsis.*