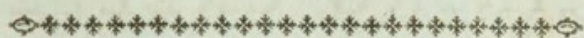


CERTHIA FAMOSA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum arcuatum, tenue, subtrigonum, acutum.

Lingua acuta.

Pedes ambulatorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 184.

Pica.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

CERTHIA rectricibus intermediis duabus longissimis, corpore viridi nitente, axillis luteis, loris nigris.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 187.

Certhiæ genus numerosum varias species continet coloribus ipsos Trochilos splendore æmulantes. Species jam depicta inter majores sui generis exstat. Color ejus communis est perviridis, cupreo quodam splendore læte super collum ac dorsum diffuso. Rostrum longissimum est. Axillæ, five partes humerorum inferiores sunt flavæ, partes autem exteriores, seu rectrices nigricant, plumis tamen margine viridi cinctis. Remiges, seu pennæ alarum longiores, nec non cauda, sunt atræ, margine etiam viridi cinctæ. Avis est Africana, et in Promontorio Bonæ Spei invenitur.

THE
SHINING CREEPER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill slender, incurvated. and sharp-pointed.

Tongue differing in shape in the different species.

Legs moderately stout.

Toes placed 3 before, and 1 behind; back toe large: claws hooked and long.

Linnæus. Latham. Pennant.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

CREEPER with the 2 middle tail-feathers very long, the body of a shining green, the under wing-coverts yellow, the lores, (*i. e.* the spaces between the bill and eye on each side) black.

Lin.

FAMOUS CREEPER.

Latham. vol. 1. p. 720.

The very numerous genus *Certhia* contains several species whose colours are equal in splendor to the Humming-Birds. The species here represented is one of the largest of the genus. Its general colour is a rich



rich deep green, with a very strong tinge of copper-colour, which is most predominant on the neck and back. The bill is very long. The under parts of the shoulders, or axillæ, are yellow, the outward parts black, edged with green. The long feathers of the wings, and the tail, are also black with green margins.

It is an African bird, and is found at the Cape of Good Hope.



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