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of this bird of the hot and humid countries of South America, because I am the first who have described it, and in order that this description may thus be enabled to be compared with other details of species that are more known.

These eagles are rare in Guiana; they are not known in the island of Cayenne; nor in the environs of the habitations. They can only be found by advancing into the interior of the country: I never saw but three in the two voyages which I made to Guiana. It is a solitary bird that lives in the depth and obscurity of the most impervious forests: he feeds upon the game which is abundant there: and when he is moved or irritated, he elevates the long feathers of his head in the form of a tuft, or crown.

THE DESTROYING EAGLE.

(Falco Destructor.)

THIS bird is also one of my discoveries in Guiana. No person, before me, had ever mentioned