

The female of this species is smaller than the male, and its colours are less fine. The male has the head, the top of the neck, and the back, of a fine black; long silky feathers, very fine, and of a dazzling white cover the rump. The scapulary feathers are variegated with black, white, and a greyish tinge: all the under part of the body is white; the quill feathers of the wings and of the tail are black, those of the first being bordered exteriorly with white, and those of the latter terminated with that colour; the first quill feather on each side is embroidered externally with white. The eye is of a lively yellow; the beak and the nails are blackish; the young bird is of a reddish grey instead of white, and a reddish brown instead of black.

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#### THE SILENT BUTCHER BIRD.

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WITH the idea of the butcher bird naturally presents itself that of a clamorous, noisy being. Here, however, is a species which forms