FALCO PONTICERIANUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum aduncum, basi cera instructum.

Caput pennis arcte tectum.

Lingua bifida.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 124.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

FALCO castaneus, capite collo pectoreque albis,
cera cærulea, pedibus flavis.

FALCO PONTICERIANUS.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 23.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 265.

AQUILA PONTICERIANA.

Briss. orn. 2. p. 129.

Milvo vulgari fere æqualis est magnitudine species hæc pulcherrima, quam in variis Indiæ Orientalis partibus generatam quasi sacram veneratur incolarum superstitio. Variare paululum videtur plumarum color; cum in opere cui titulus *Planches Enluminees*, depingantur pectus et abdomen striis parvulis fuscis in longitudinem ductis notata, quarum in specimine quod continet Museum Britannicum, unde delineata est nostra figura, ne minima sunt vestigia.

THE
PONDICHERRY EAGLE.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill hooked ; with a cere or naked skin at the base.

Head thickly beset with feathers.

Tongue generally bifid.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Chestnut-coloured Eagle, with white head neck
and breast, blue cere, and yellow feet.

PONDICHERRY EAGLE.

Lath. syn. 1. p. 41.

AIGLE DE PONDICHERRY.

Buf. ois. 1. p. 136.

Pl. enl. 416.

This elegant species is nearly equal in size to a kite. It is a native of many parts of the East Indies, and is considered as a sacred bird. It appears to vary a little in point of plumage; the figure given in the *Planches Enluminees* representing it as dashed down the breast and abdomen with small longitudinal streaks of brown; of which, in the specimen preserved in the British Museum, from which the present figure was drawn, there is not the slightest appearance.

Shaw, George. 1799. "The Pondicherry Eagle, *Falco ponticerianus* [Pl. 389]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 10(CXIX), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.304571>.

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