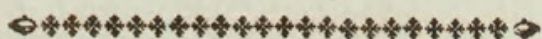


BUPHAGA AFRICANA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum rectum, subquadrangulare; mandibulis gibbis integris, extrorsum gibbosioribus.
Pedes ambulatorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 154.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

BUPHAGA subfusca, subtus subflavescens, cauda cuneata.

BUPHAGA AFRICANA.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 154.

BUPHAGA.

Briss. 2. p. 437. t. 42. f. 2.

Constat ex unica specie genus Buphaga, cujus rostrum subquadrangulum ad modum quo victum sibi quærens utitur apprime est accommodatum; pecudibus enim solet insidere, et oestrorum larvas e cute excerpere. Depingitur in tabula Buphaga Africana magnitudine fere dimidiata. Senegaliæ incolit, primusque eam descripsit Adansonus.

THE
AFRICAN BUPHAGA.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill strait, subquadrangular: Mandibles gibbous, entire, more gibbous on the outside.

Feet formed for walking.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Brownish BUPHAGA, yellowish beneath, with wedge-shaped tail.

Le Pic-Boeuf.

Buf. ois. 3. p. 175. pl. 14.

Pl. Enl. 293.

AFRICAN Beef-Eater.

Lath. Syn. 1. p. 359.

The genus Buphaga, consisting at present of a single species only, is distinguished by the subquadrangular form of the beak, which is peculiarly calculated for the general manner of feeding in this bird: viz. that of picking out the larvæ of oestri from the backs of cattle. It is a native of Senegal, and was first discovered by Adanson. The plate represents it of somewhat more than half the natural size.





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