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SIZE of the Rook ; weight twenty-two ounces ; length twenty-two inches. Bill two inches long, black ; irides dusky hazel ; the head, fore part of the neck, wings, and tail fine glossy blue-black ; the rest of the body pale ash-colour ; legs black ; toes broad and flat.

This bird, in the northern parts of this kingdom, Scotland, and the northern Islands,* is a constant inhabitant, and breeds there ; is gregarious, building the nest in trees, laying six pale green eggs, spotted with brown ; but separate into pairs in the breeding season,† after which they unite into bands : it also continues the year through in several parts of Ireland : in the southern parts of England is only a winter inhabitant, coming in October, and retiring the end of March, or beginning of April ; during their stay, seen frequently in flocks of ten or more on our heaths and downs, and not unfrequent on the shores of the Thames, in Kent and Essex,‡ where they pick up

* In the Hebrides it is the only one of the Genus.

† An instance is given of the male of the Hooded Crow, pairing with a female of the Carrion Species, which attachment lasted for three or four years.—*Compend. of Ornith.*

‡ Hence, called Essex Crow ; by some, Dun-Crow.