

jay or magpye; common wrens, which are the only singing birds they have; the Canadian, or migrating thrush, and a considerable number of brown eagles, with white heads and tails. They have also a small species of hawk; the heron and the *alcyon* or large-crested American kingfisher. They have likewise two species of woodpeckers, one less than a thrush, black above, with white spots on the wings, a crimson head, neck and breast, and a yellowish, olive-coloured belly. The other is a larger and more elegant bird, of a dusky brown colour on the back, richly waved with black, except about the head; the belly of a reddish cast, with round, black spots; a black spot on the breast, and the under-side of the wings and tail, a plain scarlet, tho' blackish above, with a crimson streak, running from the angle of the mouth, a little down the neck on each side. They have also a small bird of the finch-kind, about the size of a linnet, of a dark, dusky colour, whitish below, with a black head and neck, and a white bill; and a sand-piper, the size of a small pigeon, of a dusky brown colour; white below, except the throat and breast, with a broad, white band across the wings. Add to these, humming-birds, which frequently flew about the ships, whilst at anchor; and a very beautiful bird of the hawk kind, met with in 56° . N. latitude. It is something less than a duck, and of a black colour, except the fore-part of the head, which is white; and from above and below each eye, rises an elegant, yellowish-white crest, revolved backwards, like a ram's horn: the bill and feet red. These are frequently seen in large flocks, and

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