

those which I have seen, there has been a mixture of some of other colours. In the *Leverian Museum* there is one mixed brown and white, with a pure white belly, and another variegated with white all over, but regularly dispersed throughout the plumage, imitating the beautiful pencilling of the *Wryneck*; and I have in my possession one of these birds, which is wholly of a light cream-colour.

I.
VAR. B.
DUSKY L.

L'Alouette noire, *Bris. orn.* iii. p. 340. B.—*Buf. ois.* v. p. 22.—*Pl. enl.* 650.
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Black Lark, *Alb.* iii. pl. 51.

Br. Mus.

DESCRIPTION.

IN the bird here described by *Albin**, the black was not pure, being of a dull reddish brown, approaching to black, except the hind part of the head, which was dull yellow, and some of the belly feathers fringed with white. Bill and legs dirty yellow.

I.
VAR. C.
LONG-
LEGGED L.
DESCRIPTION.

IN *Russia* is found a variety, which has been mentioned to me by the name of Long-legged. It is very like the Sky-lark,

* I am well aware of the circumstance of this and other birds becoming black by feeding on *bemp-seed*, as was the case in a *Goldfinch* and *House Sparrow*, recorded above under those heads; but this accident likewise happens by a cause less artificial, as the bird mentioned by *Albin* was caught in a net at large among other birds at *Highgate*. That in the *British Museum* is of a full deep black throughout.

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