

78.—PAINTED BUNTING.

Emberiza Ciris, *Ind. Orn.* i. 410. *Lin.* i. 313. *Gm. Lin.* i. 885. *Act. Stock.* 1750.

278. t. 7. 1. *Amer. Orn.* iii. pl. 24. f. 1. 2. *Shaw's Zool.* ix. 403. pl. 62. f. 2.

Passer Brasiliensis, *Gerin.* iii. t. 344. f. 2.—male and female.

Fringilla Mariposa, *Scop.* i. No. 222.

Fringilla tricolor, *Klein*, 97.

Chloris Ludoviciana, *Papa*, *Bris.* iii. 200. t. 8. f. 3. *Id.* 8vo. i. 302.

Le Pape, *Buf.* iv. 176. t. 9. *Pl. enl.* 159. f. 1, 2.

Grosbec, *Tem. Man. Ed.* ii. *Anal.* p. lxxi.

China Bulfinch, *Alb.* iii. pl. 68.

Painted Finch, *Edw.* pl. 130. *Id.* 273.—upper figure. *Cat. Car.* i. pl. 44.

Painted Bunting, *Gen. Syn.* iii. 206. *Id. Sup.* 159. *Id. Sup.* ii. 202. *Arct. Zool.* ii.

No. 226. *Bartr. Trav.* p. 289. *Nat. Misc.* pl. 597.

SIZE of a Hedge Sparrow; length five inches. Bill and legs brown; irides hazel; head and neck violet; round the eyes red; the upper part of the back, and scapulars yellow green; lower part, rump, and all beneath dull red; lesser wing coverts violet brown, with a tinge of red; the greater of a dull greenish colour; quills brown, the edges of some greenish, of others red; tail brown, the two middle feathers incline to red, and the others margined outwardly with the same. The female is dull green above, and yellow green beneath; quills brown, fringed with green; the tail also brown and green mixed.

This bird varies exceedingly, and said not to get the full plumage till the third year: in the first, both sexes are brown; the male gains the blue head the second, but the rest of the plumage is blue green: wings and tail brown, edged with blue green: the female, at that time, inclines greatly to blue, and as they moult twice in a year, it is not wonderful, that scarcely any two birds are quite alike.