

the *Straßburg Jay*; but I find it to be very scarce there. *Edwards* mentions one shot on *Gibraltar* rock. *Adanson* * observes, that it "comes to reside for some months of the summer in the southern parts of *Europe*, and goes back to spend the remainder of the year in *Senegal*," having shot one on board the ship, on its passage, in *April*; and in another place says, that they are at *Senegal* in flocks, along with the *Cardinal Sparrows*.

Frisch observes, that it makes its nests in woods, where there is birch; that it does not come to its colour till the second year; flies in troops in autumn; often seen in tilled grounds, with Rooks and other birds, searching for worms, small seeds, and roots †. Its flesh tastes like that of a Turtle. It is said also sometimes to make the nest in holes in the ground ‡, in one of which nests two eggs were found. The nest is generally filthy, from the young evacuating their excrements therein; whence by some it was said to make the nest of excrements.

Shaw, in *Travels*, mentions a bird by the name of *Shagarag*, and describes it as having the shape of a *Jay*, but a smaller bill, and shorter legs: the body brown above: head, neck, and belly, light green: wings and tail spotted with deep blue.

A VARIETY.

This is a *Barbary* bird, and, no doubt, only a small variety of the other. He says, that it builds the nest at the sides of rivers, and its cry is sharp and shrill.

We are told in the *British Zoology*, that it has been twice shot in *England*, and is remarkable for making a chattering noise, from which it is called by some *Garrulus*.

* *Adans. Voy.*

† Also beetles and frogs. *Faun. Succ.*

‡ *Hist. des ois.* iii. p. 139.