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+ SKY-LARK.

Alauda arvensis, *Lin. Syst.* i. p. 287. 1.—*Faun. Suec.* 209.—*Scop. ann.* i. N^o 84.—*Brun.* N^o 221.—*Muller*, p. 28. N^o 229.—*Friscb.* pl. 15. f. 1.—*Kram. el.* p. 362. 2.

L'Alouette, *Briss. orn.* iii. p. 335. N^o 1.—*Buff. ois.* v. p. 1. pl. 1.—*Pl. enl.* 363. f. 1.

Field-lark, or Sky-lark, *Raii Syn.* p. 69. A. 1.—*Will. orn.* 203.—*Albin.* i. pl. 41.—*Br. Zool.* i. N^o 136. pl. 55.—*Arch. Zool.*
Br. Mus. *Lev. Mus.*

DESCRIPTION.

THE length of this bird is about seven inches, and it is a small matter bigger than the House Sparrow in the body. The bill is above half an inch long, and dusky; the under mandible yellowish: the top of the head reddish brown, the middle of each feather black; the hind part inclines to ash, and is plain; the chin whitish: on the upper parts of the body the feathers are reddish brown, with the middle dark brown, and the edges very pale: the fore part of the neck rufous white, dashed with blackish: from the breast to the vent yellowish white: quills brown, with the outer edges yellowish, whitish towards the tip: the two middle feathers of the tail are blackish, with rufous grey margins; the rest not much unlike in colour, but the fourth has a white margin, the fifth white on the outer web, and the outmost the same, and on the inner web also near the tip: the legs are dusky; the claws blackish, the hind one long and strait.

The male exceeds the female in size.

PLACE AND MANNERS.

These birds are very plenty in *England*, and most probably throughout the old continent, as we hear of them in *Norway*, *Sweden*, *Germany*, *France*, *Italy*, *Greece**, and at the *Cape of*

* *Brunnich.*—*Faun. Suec.* p. 76.—*Friscb.*—*Buffon.*—*Olin. uccel.* p. 12.—*Belon. obs.* 12.