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+ GARRULOUS
ROLLER.

Coracias garrula, *Lin. Syst.* i. p. 159. N° 1.—*Scop. ann.* i. p. 40. N° 44.
Le Rollier, *Brif. orn.* ii. p. 64. pl. 5. f. 2.—*Pl. enl.* 486.
— d'Europe, *Buf. ois.* iii. p. 135. pl. 10.
Blave racke, Birck-heher, *Frisch.* t. 57.
The Roller, *Raii Syn.* p. 41. N° 3. p. 42.—*Will. orn.* p. 131. pl. 20.—
Br. Zool. app. p. 624. pl. 2.—*Edw.* pl. 109.
Br. Mus. *Lev. Mus.*

DESCRIPTION.

SIZE of a Jay: length twelve inches and a half. Bill black, strait, hooked at the point; base beset with bristles, but do not cover the nostrils: space about the eyes somewhat bare: the head, neck, breast, and belly, are of a light blueish green: back and scapulars reddish brown: coverts on the ridge of the wing rich blue, beneath them pale green; upper part and tips of the quills dusky; the lower parts of a fine deep blue: rump of this last colour: tail forked, of a light blue; the outer feather tipped with black above, and beneath with deep blue, as is the case with such part of the quill feathers as is black above; the other tail feathers are dull green: legs short, and of a dirty yellow.

PLACE.

Mr. Pennant, from whom the above description is taken, observes that these birds are frequent in several parts of *Europe*, in most parts of which it is a bird of passage. Mention is made of them in *Sweden** and *Denmark*† on the one hand, and as far as *Africa*‡ on the other; not that they are found in all the parts between, nor in the same plenty. *Willughby* tells us, that in *Germany*, *Sicily*, and *Malta*, they are so common as to be sold in the markets, and in poulterers shops. It has been called by some

* *Faun. Suec.* N° 94.† *Br. Zool. app.* p. 624.‡ *Shaw's Trav.* p. 251.—*Adans. Voy.* 8vo. p. 24. 107.