

scolloped membrane, in the manner of the Phalarope, or Coot; the colour orange; claws pretty long, and hooked, the middle one serrated on the inner edge; the wings reach to about one-third on the tail.—Inhabits Africa. The above description taken from a specimen in the collection of Mr. H. Brogden. I observe a second also in that of Mr. Bullock; and a third in the possession of Mr. Leadbeater; but the last is smaller, the colour and spots less defined, and most probably differs in sex, or may not have arrived at perfect maturity.

## 2.—AMERICAN FINFOOT.

*Plotus Surinamensis*, *Ind. Orn.* ii. 896. *Gm. Lin.* i. 581.

Le Grebe-foulque, *Buf.* viii. 248. *Pl. enl.* 893. *Tem. Man. Ed.* ii. *Anal.* p. cvi. Podon. Oiseau de Soleil, *Descr. Surin.* ii. 192.

Le Macas à doigtier, *Voy. d'Azara*, iv. No. 446.

Surinam Tern, *Brown, Ill.* p. 90. pl. 39.

Surinam Darter, *Gen. Syn.* vi. 626.

SIZE of a Teal; length thirteen inches, Bill one inch and one-eighth long, pale, and sharp at the point; irides red; crown of the head black, and the feathers elongated into a small crest; the head small; the neck slender, and long in proportion to the body; cheeks bright bay; from the corners of each eye a line of white; sides, and hind part of the neck, longitudinally marked with lines of black and white; back, wings, and tail dusky brown; the last wedge-shaped, and tipped with white; the upper coverts very long, giving the appearance of two tails, one above the other; breast and belly white; legs short, pale dusky; toes four in number, three before and one behind; the forward ones furnished on each side with a lobated membrane, and crossed with several bars of black, four on the outer toe, three on the middle, and two on the inner; claws rather bent, and sharp; the hind toe free, but with a single plain membrane; the quills reach to within an inch of the length of the tail, which, towards the end, is crossed with a bar of dusky black.