minutely freckled; on the lower part of the back, the buff bars become richer, and the rump and upper tail-coverts are rich rusty, with a narrow interrupted bar of black near the tip; primaries dark brown, partially margined and crossed by freckled bars and irregular markings of buff; two central tail-feathers alternately barred with pale buffy yellow and brownish olive, largely blotched and spotted with very dark brown; the lateral tail-feathers are alternately barred with deep buff and rich chestnut, bounded above and below with broad irregular marks of blackish brown; throat and breast yellowish ash-colour, crossed with a few curved black bars; abdomen dark brown; feathers clothing the thighs and vent yellowish brown, with irregular marks of brown in the centre of each; bill pale greenish olive-colour; cere scarlet; orbits bright red, inclining to purple; irides brown; legs and feet bluish white.

The female generally resembles the male, but is of smaller size and is destitute of the crest and spurs, has much more rufous on the feathers of the back and wings, each of which, moreover, has a line of buff down the shaft; she is destitute of the rufous hue on the rump, but, on the other hand, has the abdomen of that tint, though not so bright, and the dark markings of the breast of a striated instead of a barred form; the barrings of the tail, too, are less distinct, their hue is much less brilliant, and their freckling of a more minute kind.

The Plate represents the two sexes, nearly of the natural size.