rump and upper tail-coverts chestnut-red, edged with tawny; greater and lesser wing-coverts brownish black margined externally with tawny and tipped with buffy white; primaries and most of the secondaries brown, narrowly edged with tawny; the last three or four secondaries, nearest the body, conspicuously margined with tawny; under surface white, with the exception of the centres of the flank feathers, which are chestnut-red; tail dark brown, the centre feathers edged with tawny; a broad longitudinal oblique stripe of white down the centre of the external feather, and a narrower one down the next on each side.

In the female the general arrangement of the colouring of the body is very similar, but much paler; the flank-marks extend further down the sides; and the ear-coverts and the black above the superciliary mark are much less deep.

The Plate represents a male and a female, of the size of life.