

which, according to the figure accompanying Mr. Newton's paper above referred to, are of a greenish stone-colour, with a few dirty stains all over the surface, probably obtained by contact with the materials upon which they are laid. They measure two inches and three-eighths in length, and one inch and five-eighths in breadth.

The male has the head and upper part of the neck white; between the bill and the eye on each side a patch of sea-green, which nearly unite on the forehead; each eye surrounded by a ring of black, broader behind than in front; on the occiput a broad band of verditer green; from the lower mandible down the centre of the throat a streak of blackish brown, which very nearly approaches the broad band of deep bluish black encircling the base of the throat, and which is united behind to the bluish-black of the back and upper tail-coverts; below the bluish-black neck-collar a crescentic mark of white; wing-coverts white; primary wing-feathers and tail deep brown; secondaries and tertiaries white on the inner, and deep blue on the outer web; narrow inner web of the scapularies white, the broader outer web deep blue; breast and abdomen chestnut, fading into buff on the flanks, and deepening into blackish brown in the centre; vent and under tail-coverts very dark brown; just before each wing a few of the white feathers of the sides of the breast are tipped with black, forming a small oblong patch; bill deep olive, with a yellower nail; irides brown; feet dark olive-brown, the webs darker, inclining to black.

The female, as stated by Mr. Yarrell, so closely resembles the females of the Eider and King Ducks, that the only difference necessary to be noticed is that the greater coverts and secondaries are tipped with white, forming two bars, between which is a bluish-black speculum.

The front figures in the Plate represent two males, the size of life, with a reduced figure of the female in the distance, and were drawn from specimens obtained from the Waranger Fjord by Mr. Alfred Newton.