

## BRUNNICH'S GUILLEMOT.

*Uria Brunnichii, Sabine.*

Le Guillemot à gros bec.

THIS species may at all times be distinguished from the *Uria Troile*, with which it has been often confounded, by the stout and abbreviated form of the bill, and by the much shorter space between the nasal orifices and the tip. We are only able to give a figure of it in its supposed summer plumage, which resembles that of the Common Guillemot, with this exception, that the dark parts are deeper and much more intense in colour, verging indeed towards sooty black. Although we have no authentic account of its having been captured in the British Islands, we feel convinced that it must occasionally occur along our northern shores. It is very abundant in Greenland, Spitzbergen, Davis's Straits, and Baffin's Bay; it doubtless also tenants the rugged shores of Norway, Lapland, &c.; and its habits in all probability closely resemble those of its congeners.

Crown of the head and all the upper surface glossy brownish black; sides of the face and front of the neck dark sooty black; tips of the secondaries and all the under surface white; bill black; gape bright yellow; feet greenish.

Our figure is of the natural size.