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SPE. XI. RED-BREASTED DUCK.

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*Anas rutila.* *Fauna Suecic.* No. 134.

This species weighs twenty ounces. The bill is broad, flat, and of a pale blue colour; nail, black: eyes, pearl colour: head, neck, and breast, brown red: back, darker: belly, pale chestnut: less wing coverts, edged with white: greater, glossy green, with pale yellow edges: quill feathers, black: legs, pale blue; webs, black.

I shot one of these rare ducks in a large piece of fresh water near Feverham, in Kent, October the 12th, 1788. It is scarce even in the Swedish rivers, where we may suppose it breeds.