

tussock-grass a few feet from the ground in the beginning of October, and lays usually two eggs, which resemble those of the Black-bird (*Turdus merula*).

"It was here," Mr Moseley continues, "that we first encountered that remarkable tameness and ignorance of danger in birds which has been so constantly noticed by voyagers landing on little frequented islands, and notably by Darwin, who dilates on the fact in his account of the Galapagos Archipelago.

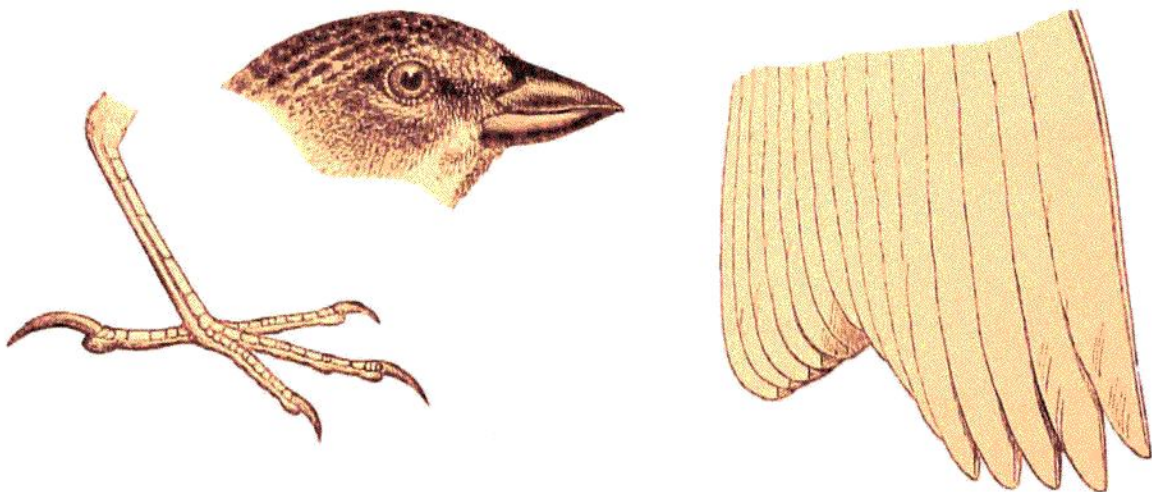
"The Thrushes hopped unconcernedly within a yard or two of us, whilst stone after stone was hurled at them, and till they were knocked over, and often sat still on a bough to be felled with a walking-stick. By whistling a little as one approached them, numbers could be thus killed, and yet the Germans with their house close by had been constantly thus killing the thrushes for eating for two years. The birds are, however, not quite so tame in Tristan Island."

2. *Nesospiza acunhæ* (Pl. XXIV.).

Emberiza brasiliensis, Carm., Trans. Linn. Soc., vol. xii. p. 496.

Nesospiza acunhæ, Cab., Journ. für Orn., 1873, p. 154.

Five examples of this peculiar Finch were obtained in Inaccessible Island on October 16, 1873. The eyes are marked "hazel." There is little difference in the plumage of these specimens, of which the sex is not noted. The figures are taken from specimen *d*.



Head, foot, and wing of *Nesospiza acunhæ*.

Dr Cabanis described this species from a specimen in the Berlin Museum, which was bought at the dispersal by auction of the Bullock Collection. He described at the same time another Finch (*Crithagra insularis*), also stated to be from Tristan da Cunha, but which the Challenger naturalists do not appear to have heard anything of. It is very likely that there may have been some error in the locality of the last-named species.

Mr Moseley met with this Finch on Inaccessible Island in the same spot as the *Nesocichla*. It eats the fruit of the *Phylica arborea*, of which the copses that it inhabits are composed. This Finch is stated to be now extinct in Tristan da Cunha