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Aſpexere ſuos, operiri, & brachia plumis.
Alteraq. alterius rigido concreſcere roſtro
Ora videt: volucres q. nouas accedere ſylvis:
Plangere dumq. volant, per brachia mota leuata
Aere pendebant nemorum conuitia Pica.
Nunc quoq. in altibus facundia priſca remanſit,
Raucaq. garrulitas, ſtudiumq. immane loquendi.

Hinc Dantes Poeta Hetruſcus Galliopem Muſam, vt verſus condenti meditantiq. faueat, & facilem ſcribendi canendiq. venam ſubpeditet, hiſce verſibus inuocat:

Ma quì la morta Poeſia riſurga
O ſante Muſe, poi che voſtro ſono,
Et quì Calliope alquanto ſurga
Seguitando'l mio canto con quel ſuono
Di cui le Piche miſero ſentiro
Lo colpo tal, che deſperar perdono.

Atq. iſtæc de Picis dicta in genere ſufficiant, nunc ad particulares earum hiſtorias me cõuerto.

DE PICA VARIA, SEV CAVDATA. Cap. XII.

SYNONIMA.

Κίττα. *Pluuia auis* *Ragazza.*

HÆbraica illa nomina, quæ præcedenti capite, ceu alteri etiã communia dedimus, huic potiſſimùm competere exiſtimamus. *Κίττα*, vel *κίσσα* Græcorũ ad hanc quoq. potiùs, quàm ad aliam pertinet. Latinis Pica varia, ſeu Pica caudata dicitur. Nonnulli pluuiæ auem veteribus dictam hanc eſſe credunt. Italis Gaza vocatur, & Gazzola: Bononiæ Ragazza, & Putta. Reliqua ſynonima antea poſuimus.

GENVS. DIFFERENTIÆ.

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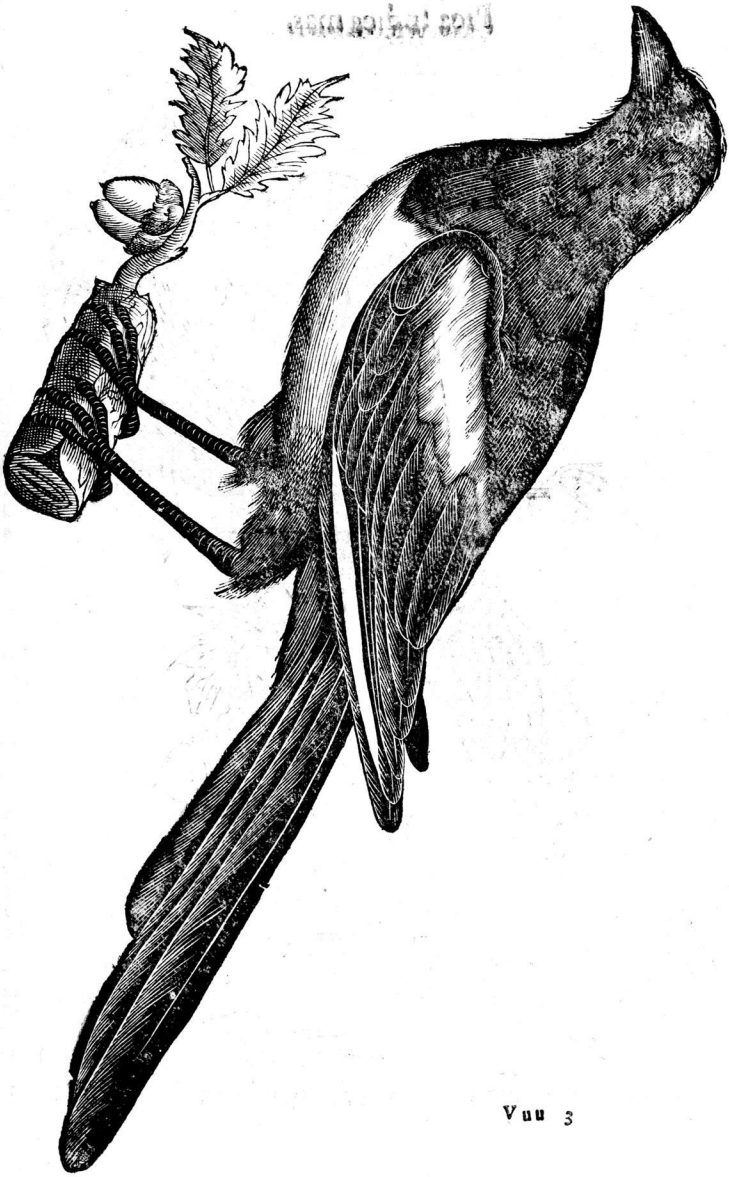
QVamuis Plinius ex binis, quæ recenſet, Picarum generibus primùm Glandariam nominet, ceu humano ſermoni addiſcendo aptiorem; nos tamen variam, quæ toto ferè corporis colore ab illa diſtinguitur, deſcribendam in manum aſſumpſimus.

FORMA. DESCRIPTIO.

Magnitudo *Roſtrum.* *Oculi.* *Color.* *Dorſum.* *Cauda.*

MAgnitudine Monedulæ eſt compar; ſed ob caudæ longitudinem, quæ perſe ſola dodrantem longa eſt, maior apparet. Ex primo intuitu inter omne auium genus facilè agnoſcitur. Roſtrum obtinet nigrum, craſſumq. & cuius pars ſuperior inferiori paulò longior eſt, atq. in acutùm deſinit: Oculos nigros candido circulo obductos. Caput, dorſum, collum, pectus, alas, femora, caudam, pedes, eorumq. digitos, atq vngues aterrima: Extremũ tamen alarum albicat. Dorſum, & cauda elegantiſſimè ex maxima nigredine viridem, vt Cycnus purpureum, colorem emittunt ſplẽdidiſſimum. Tota verò ventris ſuperficies candida eſt. Quam ſolam albedinem vnà cum caudæ longitudine ſi demas, Cornicẽ diceres. Cauda, & corpus vniuerſum à principio roſtri ad vropygium vſq æque lõga, dodrãtem nempe. Caudæ longitudinem nonnulli in capitis exiguitatem reijciunt, vt cui pro paruo capite caudam longam natura conceſſerit: quod tamen non eſt veriſimile: fortè ad commodiorem volatum illi data fuerit: cùm pro corporis portione alas admodum paruas habeat. Mediæ caudæ pennæ lateralibus longiores ſunt. Atq. iſtæc de hac volucri dicenda ſupererant, ad quam omnia ferè quæ in generali hiſtoria diximus, referenda ſunt.



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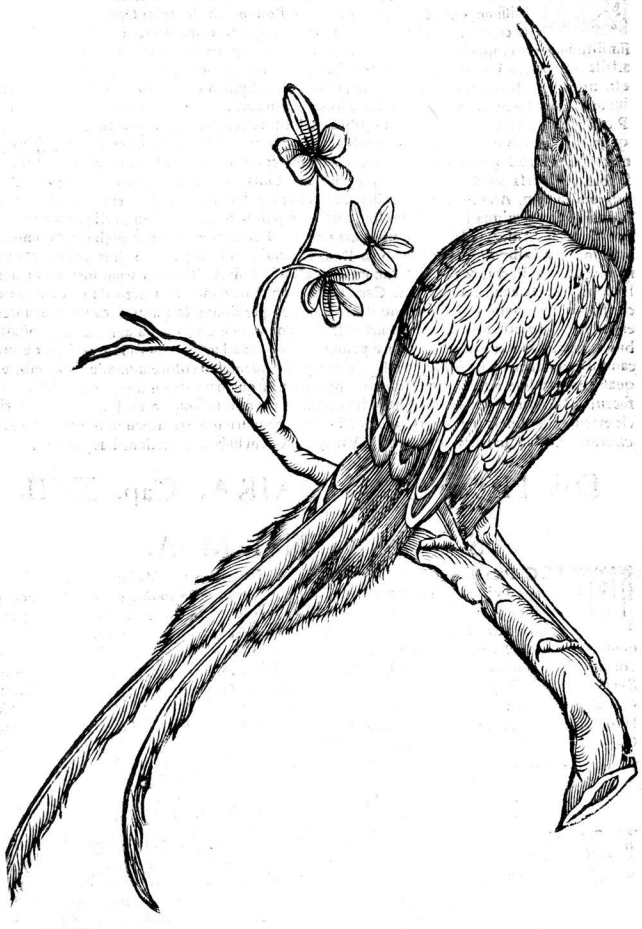
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