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DE QVINTA MANVCODIATÆ Spæice, siue de vulgari. Cap. XXVI.



MANVCODIATIS inter hæcenus à nobis obseruatas Manucodiatas locum ei attri-
buimus, quam Ornithologus etiam depinxit, eique simillimam esse dicit, quæ
Norimbergæ oli n separatim excusa fuit. Suam verò ille non describit, sed
Norimbergenſi iconi iſtæ verba adiecta fuiſſe refert. Paradifca vel Apos In-
dica magnitudine eſt Turdeſ, miræ leuitatis, alis oblongis prædita, teneris &
viſui peruijs, & pennis (ſi pennæ dici poſſunt potiùs quàm ſetæ: deplumes enim ſunt) duabus, 20
longis, anguſtis, nigris, duritiæ corneæ; pedes nulli, perperuò volat, nec vſquam quieſcit,
niſi in arbore aliqua, longis illis ſetis ramo implicata pendens. Nulla nauis tam celeriter per-
git, & tam procul à continente, quam non circumuolat. Eſi verò hæc icon cum noſtra po-
ſtremum exhibita admodum ſimilis videatur, præterquàm quod de colore Norimbergenſis
charta, & ipſe quoque Ornithologus tacent; noſtri tamen, & capitis magnitudine quàm ma-
ximè diſſerunt. Ornithologi icon noſtrum ab inferiori parte curuam, & exiguum eſſe oſtendit;
noſtræ aui contrà, vt dixi, id erat longiſſimum, & curuitatem illam in ſuperiori parte habebat.
Præterea iſtæ cirrho caret, quod potiſſimum maniſeſtiſſimum diuerſitatis argumentum eſt.

DE RHYNTACE CTESIÆ. Cap. XXVII.



MANVCODIATIS Rhyntacem ſubiungendam mihi eſſe duxi, cum quòd auiſ
peregrina ſit, & exotica, quinimo hæcenus adhuc incognita, tùm verò maximè,
quoniam Bellonius eam cum Manucodiata confundat. Πυρδαχίη ſiue Rhyndace He-
ſychio, & Varino auiſ eſt, quàm ἡλικὸν περιſερα id eſt, Columbæ magnitudine eſſe
tradunt. Hanc nonnulli Pluuialem eſſe uolunt, & ſolido cibo uel ſci negant, quoniam nihil in
ea reperiatur, ideoq; non exenterari perhibentes, uerùm id Rhyntaci potiùs conuenit, quæ
tamen an eadem ſit cum Rhyntace Cteſiæ planè ignoro. Hæc enim eioui magnitudinem
tribuit, at de quo ouo intelligat, ſummo perè, uiri docti dubitant. Ego κατ' ἐξῆλος de ouo Ga-
llinæ intelliſſe crediderim. Vt ut ſit Rhyntacem, Manucodiatem eſſe non poſſe, Belloni-
umq; hallucinatum fuiſſe ex aſcripta magnitudine, cunctis diiudicandum propono. Naſci in-
quirit in Perſis, Cteſiæ hanc auem prodidit, referente Plutarcho, cultello altero latere
ueneno illito Paryſatim Artaxerſis matrem diuulſiſſe, dimidiam partem ueneno inſeciſſe, & 40
quæ ueneno inſecta, atque incorrupta erat, ipſam in os inſectam exediſſe. Statiræ Artaxerſis
uxori autem uenenatam partem porrexiff. D non uerò ab hoc parumper diſſentiens, ait non
Paryſatim, uerùm Melantam partitam culrello Statiræ inſectam partem appoſuiſſe.

DE PHOENICE. Cap. XXVIII.



PHOENICEM fortaiſſis multos, qui iſtæ lecturi ſunt, Phœnicem longè alium ſibi locum
in hoc opere uendicare iudicatuſ nouerim, Auem nempe fabuloſam inter
commentitias, de quibus ante integer liber conſcriptus eſt, reponendam. Quid
enim fabuloſæ uolueri cum uerè natis Auiſus? Illos tamen cognitis, quibus
adducor, argumentis, eundem Phœnici locum ſignatuſ fuiſſe exiſtitem. 50
Quandoquidem reliquæ illæ, de quibus egiſus, commentitiæ ex raptu potiſſimum ui-
uerè ex ueterum auctoritate diximus. Phœnicem uerò, tantum abeſt, ut rapacem dicerent,
ſed uelut alitem innocuam, & ardentiffimi parentum erga liberos amoris ſymbolum, ſpontaneam
morrem, cameq; duriffimam ſolius ſui pignoris cauſa ſubire commenti ſunt. Tùm uerò
maximè de eo hic loquendum mihi duxi, quoniam Bellonius, ut antè etiam admonui, cum
Rhyntace, Manucodiata, & Cinnamomo turpiter confundat. Neq; uerò Plinius ſe mo-
uer Auiſis cum præterens, & Struthiocamelo ſubiungens. Nam ille nullum ordinem ſecutus
videtur. Quod ſi contrà aliquis ueram auem eſſe Phœnicem dixerit, iſi fallor, hiſce lectis,
nunquam, quicquid alij dicant, interum natura exiſtiſſe, quinimo cuncta, quæ de ea fabu-
loſa