

The Sub-Family *Anatinae*, the River Ducks, are characterized by a long and broad bill, and somewhat pointed tail.

The Sub-Family *Fuligininae*, the Sea Ducks, differ from the preceding in having much larger feet, and a membranous plate attached to the hind toe; the legs also, are set further back.

The Sub-Family *Merganseres* have a very slender and narrow bill, terminated by a curved nail; edges, serrated; tail has eighteen feathers; head, crested.

*The Gulls.*—Bill, short and straight; body, full; wings, long; neck, short; feet, webbed; tail, generally even; hind toes, small and elevated.

*The Terns.*—The Terns have slender, straight, and long bills, curved and pointed; tail, forked; feet, webbed; wings, very long and pointed.

*The Divers.*—Have long, pointed, and compressed bills; toes, long and webbed; legs, situated far behind; tail, short; wings, short.

The Sub-Family *Podicipinae*, the Grebes, have short wings; sides of the head, tufted; plumage, soft; bill, long and compressed; tail, a mere tuft of soft feathers.

*The Auks.*—The Auks are characterized by a short, broad, and strong body; wings, short; tail, short; bill, about as long as the head, and hooked at the base; legs and feet, stout and strong; toes, webbed.

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## LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

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**DUCKS.**—Twenty-six different species of ducks are known to visit the vicinity of Toronto during the spring and fall migrations.

**SAND-HILL CRANES.**—Two fine specimens of this rare species were shot in the marsh near this city last fall.