

GENERA AND CHARACTERISTICS OF AMERICAN GROUSE.

FEATURES.	GENUS.	GENUS.	GENUS.	GENUS.	GENUS.	GENUS.	GENUS.
	TETRAO.	CANACT.	DENDRAGAPUS.	CUPIDOSIA.	PEDIECETES.	CENTROCERCUS.	BONASA.
TAIL.....	18 feathers; 2-3 length of wing.	16 feathers; about equal to wing in length.	20 feathers; 2-3 length of wing; sometimes more.	18 feathers; one-half length of wing.	18 feathers; one-half length of wing.	20 feathers; about equal to wing in length.	18 feathers; about equal to wing in length.
TARSUS.....	Feathered to the toes.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Feathered about $\frac{1}{2}$ their length, with hexagonal scales anteriorly.
TOES.....	Middle and claw longer than tarsus.	Middle, and claw as long or longer than tarsus.	Do.	Middle toe and claw longer than tarsus.	Do.	Do.	Do.
HEAD.....	Indications of crest; pectinated processes over the eyes.	No crest; pectinated processes over the eyes.	No positive crest, pectinated processes over the eyes.	No positive crest, though sometimes apparent. Pectinated processes over the eyes.	Faint indications of crest. Pectinated processes over the eyes.	No positive crest; pectinated processes over the eyes.	Slight crest; no pectinated processes over eyes, being replaced by a row of short, stiff feathers.
NECK.....	No unusual feathers on neck, nor true gular sac.	No unusual feathers on neck. No gular sacs.	Gular sacs present.	Plumes on neck; gular sacs present.	Slight indications of elongated feathers on neck. No gular sacs.	Stiffened feathers on neck; gular sacs present.	Plumes on neck forming a ruff; gular sacs wanting.
BILL.....	Lengthened.	Slender.	Medium.	Medium.	Slightly stouter than cupidonia, yet difference not always appreciable.	Lengthened. Resembles tetrao.	Medium.
Indications wanting in all other genera.....	None.	Two less feathers in tail.	None.	None.	None.	None.	Stiffened feathers instead of pectinated processes over eyes. Well developed ruff.