

## Genus: BUTORIDES. Blyth.

GREEN HERON { *Butorides virescens*, Linnaeus. } Fly-up-the-  
" *Ardea* " C. } creek.

Length 15 inches; neck about 6 inches. Head with crest of long narrow feathers; back, wings and tail, greenish black; shafts of back feathers white; borders of middle wing feathers brownish white; neck, throat and breast white and brown; chin white; abdomen and thighs grayish brown. Bill 3 inches long, black above; legs and toes blacker at back; toes long and slender.

One specimen was shot in 1870 by a friend of Mr. Craig's, at St. Geneyville, on north-west side of Island of Montreal. Mr. Craig also informs me that in 1871 another specimen was shot at Vaudreuil, opposite St. Anne.

## Genus: NYCTIARDEA. Swainson.

NIGHT { *Nyctiardea Gardini*, Gmelin } Qua-bird;  
HERON. " *grisea*, var. *nevai*, C. } Sqawk.

Length about 23 inches; neck and legs, each about 11 inches long; girth about 14 inches. Crown, back, and wing coverts, blueish black; neck, wings and tail, light brownish gray; forehead, beneath the eyes, throat, and under parts white. Black of head usually furnished with 3 narrow white feathers about 8 inches long. Bill 4 inches in length, black; legs and feet yellow; occurs at Nuns' Island.

## Genus: NYCTHERODIUS, Reichenb.

YELLOW-CROWNED { *Nyctherodius violaceus*, Linnaeus } Length  
NIGHT HERON { *Nyctiardea* " C. }

and girth, &c., about the same as the Night Heron. " Adult with the head crested, some of the feathers extremely long, and back with long loose feathers, some of which reach beyond the tail; bill short and very stout, black. Colour bluish gray, darker on the back where centre of feathers are darker; edges paler; paler below. Head and back of upper part of neck black, with a cheek patch; crown and most of the crest white, with a yellowish-brown tinge. Feet black and yellow." Mr. Whiteaves informs us that the late Mr. W. Hunter (N.H.S.) had stated that he had shot a fine specimen of this well-known southern bird a number of years ago, in the neighbourhood of this city.

## Sub-Order: GRALLÆ.

Tribe: LIMICOLÆ. Shore Birds.

Family: CHARADRIIDÆ. Plover.

Genus: CHARADRIUS, Linnaeus.

GOLDEN { *Charadrius Virginicus*, Borek } Bull-head;  
PLOVER { " *Fulvus*, var. *Virginicus*, C. }

Frost Bird; Field Plover; *Pluvier Doré*. Length about 10 inches; girth about 9 inches. Male in winter plumage, above and partly on the sides, mottled black and white; tail barred black and white; abdomen and undertail coverts white. Bill and legs blackish. Summer plumage is darker above than beneath.

## Family: PHALAROPIDIDÆ.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE { *Phalaropus Wilsoni*, Sabine. } Length  
" *Seganopus* " C. } 9-10 in-

ches. Adult ash; upper tail coverts and under parts white; a black stripe from the eye down the side of the neck, spreading into rich purplish-chestnut, which also variegates the back, and shades the throat; young lack these last colors.

## Family: SCOLOPACIDÆ.

Sub-Family: SCOLOPACINÆ.

Section: SCOLOPACINÆ.

Genus: PHILOBELA, G. R. Gray.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK { *Philobela minor*, Gmelin. } Bog-sucker;

*Coccyzoides*. Length 8 inches; girth about 9 inches. General colour brown, mottled darker, and also mixed with gray on the upper parts. Back of head with three or four broad, black cross-bars. Chin white; beneath light reddish. Bill 2½ inches long; 1 inch thick at base, blackish; legs yellow. Occurs in swampy woods about the city.

## Genus: GALLINAGO, Leach.

WILSON'S SNIPES { *Gallinago Wilsoni*, Temming. } English or  
American Snipe. Length 8 inches. Crown dark brown with a brownish white middle stripe, and a yellowish stripe or patch about each eye, and another brown stripe

on each side of the neck, which is also streaked with light and dark brown. Feathers on back and on wing coverts black in centre, brown and lighter on edges; secondaries brown crossed with white spots; primaries grayish brown tipped with white. Tail barred light and dark brown. Bill 2½ inches long; ¼ inch in diameter, blackish; legs blackish. Most of the snipe and sandpipers have long sharp wings, extending when closed slightly beyond the end of the tail.

## Tribe: TRINGINÆ.

Genus: TRINGA, Linnaeus.

PURPLE SANDPIPER { *Tringa Arguettella*, maritima, Brunnich. } Length 7 inches. Above dark brown, with purplish reflections; feathers on back and wings edged with white; beneath gray, mottled with brown on the throat and breast. Bill 1½ inches long, black; legs yellow. A specimen was seen at St. Anne, by Mr. Passmore, on the Natural History Society's Field-day, two years ago.

JACK SNIPES { *Tringa Actobromas*, maculata, Vieillot. } Pectoral Sandpiper; Grass Snipe. Length 8½ inches. Above brown, darker in centre of feathers, edges lighter. Chin and abdomen grayish; throat and breast streaked light and dark brown. Bill 1½ inches long, yellowish black; legs yellow.

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