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It will be necessary, however, to remark, that on account of the uncertainty of the return of the last circumnavigating ships, the *Accipitrine order*, here first published, was printed off before their arrival in England, by which means a few new species of the *Falcon* genus have been excluded from their place. This has, of necessity, obliged us to introduce them by means of duplicate pages, marked with an asterisk.

To each Genus will be joined *one copper-plate at least*, of some new Bird not figured before, if possible, for two reasons; the one to point out to the eye of the less-informed Naturalist, wherein one genus differs from another; the other, to add somewhat to the stock of engravings in Ornithology.

In a work of this kind, it will be expected, that we should begin with an Introduction on the *Nature* of the Feathered Creation; such as general manners, nidification, incubation, migration of particular species, and such-like; but this subject has been treated of in another work * in the most ample manner, and will therefore make it altogether unnecessary, because all that I could do on this head, must prove only a repetition of what is there mentioned.

I have, therefore, nothing more to add, but a just acknowledgment of the very great obligations I am under to many of my

* The work I here allude to, is the *Genera of Birds*, by *Thomas Pennant, Esq*; in which will be found every thing necessary for the reader's information on this head.

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