

TEREK GODWIT.

Limosa Terek, Temm.

La Barge Terek.

IN figuring this bird as an occasional visitant of the continent of Europe we are entirely guided by our friend M. Temminck, who has not only forwarded us a specimen to figure from, but in a letter accompanying it states that an example has been killed in Normandy; and on comparing the European-killed specimen with others from Borneo and Japan, no difference exists between them. The specimen forwarded to us is in its winter plumage, which is here represented, and which gives place to a mottled and spotted plumage during the spring and summer, particularly on the upper surface, where the markings are larger and assume a lanceolate form. Although we have followed M. Temminck in placing this elegant species with the Godwits, we are not fully persuaded that its situation is natural. We ourselves, notwithstanding the upward curvature of the bill, are inclined to believe it to be nearly allied to the true *Tringas*, or Sandpipers; but as an acquaintance with its habits, manners, general economy, and mode of flight would alone enable us to confirm our opinion respecting its natural situation, we leave it where it has been placed by M. Temminck.

The head, back and sides of the neck, all the upper surface, and tail pale brown with a fine line of a darker tint down the centre of each feather; shoulders and primaries dark brown, with the shaft of the first quill white; secondaries, chin, front of the neck, and all the under surface pure white; sides of the upper mandible and base of the lower yellow; the remainder of the bill dark brown; legs and feet yellow.

The figure is of the natural size.