

may be regarded as exhibiting some degree of affinity to the previous order, while at the same time they distinctly lead through a succession of forms, such as the Spoonbills, Storks, Herons, and Gallinules, to the true water birds, to which in their aquatic habits the Gallinules very beautifully approximate.

Our fifth volume contains the birds of the Natatorial Order, or swimming birds, which are represented by the Ducks, Grebes, Divers, Auks, Pelicans and Gulls; the aerial representative of one of these latter groups, viz. the *Tachypetes*, or Frigate Bird, among the Pelicans, exhibits several traits of resemblance to the Raptores, or birds of prey.