

INTRODUCTION.

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Genus ANSERANAS, *Less.*

Like *Cereopsis*, this genus contains but a single species, which is equally confined to Australia.

540. *Anseranas melanoleuca* Vol. VII. Pl. 2.

Genus BERNICLA, *Steph.*

The Australian bird hitherto referred to this genus should certainly receive a new generic appellation, since it does not agree either in form or habits with the true *Bernicla*.

541. *Bernicla jubata* Vol. VII. Pl. 3.

Genus NETTAPUS, *Brandt.*

Of this beautiful genus of Pygmy Geese there are at least four species known; one inhabiting Africa, one India, and two Australia.

542. *Nettapus pulchellus*, *Gould* Vol. VII. Pl. 4.

543. *Nettapus albipennis*, *Gould.*

- Nettapus Coromandelianus* Vol. VII. Pl. 5.

I feel confident that the Australian bird which I have figured under the name of *N. Coromandelianus*, is quite distinct from the Indian, and I have therefore assigned it a new name.

My figures are stated to be of the natural size, but this is an error: they are considerably smaller.

Genus CYGNUS, *Linn.*

Only one species, the *C. atratus*, is, I believe, found south of the line; for the Black-necked Swan of Chili will doubtless prove to be generically distinct.

544. *Cygnus atratus* Vol. VII. Pl. 6.

This “*rara avis in terris*” is not only strictly confined to Australia, but is so exclusively an inhabitant of the southern districts, that no notice has been recorded of its having been seen in Torres’ Straits, or on any part of the north coast.

Genus CASARCA, *Bonap.*

This ornamental section of the *Anatidæ* is not very numerous in species.

545. *Casarca Tadornoides* Vol. VII. Pl. 7.

A beautiful representative of the *C. rutila* of Europe.

Genus TADORNA, *Leach.*

546. *Tadorna Radjah* Vol. VII. Pl. 8.

An equally beautiful representative of the *T. Vulpanser*.

Genus ANAS, *Linn.*

Of true Ducks three species are found in Australia.

547. *Anas superciliosa*, *Gmel.* Vol. VII. Pl. 9.