

This species is numerous in the northern and eastern districts of Australia, whence its range extends throughout the whole of the islands to India and Europe.

Subfamily GRUINÆ, *G. R. Gray.*

Genus GRUS, *Linn.*

Species of this genus inhabit Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and Australia.

504. *Grus Australasianus*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. VI. Pl. 48.

The Australian Crane is a noble bird, and is deservedly admired both by the Aborigines and Europeans. The eastern and northern parts of the country are the only localities yet known to be inhabited by this fine bird; future research may however find that it possesses a wider range.

Subfamily PLATALEINÆ, *Bonap.*

Genus PLATALEA, *Linn.*

Two species of this genus inhabit Australia, both of which are, I believe, peculiar to that country, where they perform precisely the same offices as their prototypes in Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

505. *Platalea flavipes*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. VI. Pl. 49.  
506. *Platalea regia*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. VI. Pl. 50.

Subfamily CICONINÆ, *G. R. Gray.*

Genus MYCTERIA, *Linn.*

The noble species of this genus inhabiting Australia is, I believe, identical with the bird of the same form inhabiting India, and if such be the case, then it enjoys a wide range of habitat. Africa and America are inhabited by species belonging to this or to a very nearly allied genus.

507. *Mycteria Australis*, *Lath.* . . . . Vol. VI. Pl. 51.

Subfamily ARDEINÆ, *G. R. Gray.*

Genus ARDEA, *Linn.*

The Herons range over every part of the globe. The sixteen species inhabiting Australia include examples of the genera *Ardea*, *Herodias*, *Nycticorax*, *Botaurus* and *Ardetta*, and I think they should be still further divided, the Reef Herons, *Herodias jugularis*, *H. Greyii*, &c. differing considerably both in structure and habits from the other members of the genus; the *Ardea pacifica* and *A. Novæ-Hollandiæ* also, are not typical *Ardeæ*, but fill a station intermediate between the true Herons and the Egrets.

508. *Ardea pacifica*, *Lath.* . . . . Vol. VI. Pl. 52.

Numerous in the southern but rare within the tropical parts of Australia.

509. *Ardea Novæ-Hollandiæ*, *Lath.* . . . . Vol. VI. Pl. 53.

Frequents the whole of the southern coasts of Australia and Van Diemen's Land.

510. *Ardea rectirostris*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. VI. Pl. 54.

Found on the north coast of Australia, and I believe also in the Indian Islands.

511. *Ardea leucophæa*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. VI. Pl. 55.

The range of this species, which is very rare in Australia, appears to extend to the southern parts of India.