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Genus Terekia, Bonap.

The only known species of this form inhabits Java, Sumatra, India and Europe, and as I killed a specimen in Australia that country must also be included within its range.

Genus Actitis, Ill.

One species of this genus inhabits Australia, where it represents the *Actitis hypoleucus* of Europe and *Actitis macularius* of America.

Genus Glottis, Nils.

The only species of this genus found in Australia appears to me to be identical with the Glottis Glottoïdes of India.

Genus Totanus, Bechst.

Of this genus two species are all that have yet been discovered in Australia; one of these I have regarded as identical with the *Totanus stagnatilis* of Europe, and if this view be correct, then the range of the species will extend from Asia to Australia; certain it is that I have seen specimens from all the intermediate countries which are strictly identical with the European bird. The second species is an inhabitant of the north coast, and is allied to the *T. calidris*.

Genus Strepsilas, Ill.

If any bird may be regarded as a Cosmopolite it is the Turnstone, for it inhabits the sea-shores of every part of the globe.

Genus Scolopax, Linn.

If the slight difference which occurs in the Snipes from Port Essington on the north and from Van Diemen's Land on the south be regarded as mere local variations, then only one species of this form exists in Australia.

Captain Sturt informs us that this Snipe is common in South Australia, but scarce in the interior of the country; that it breeds in great numbers in the valley of Mypunga, but is only to be found in those localities where the ground is constantly soft.

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