

Genus ACROCEPHALUS, *Naum.*

Of this European and Indian form two species inhabit Australia, where they frequent the reed-beds and the dense herbage of marshy situations.

190. *Acrocephalus Australis*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 37.  
 191. *Acrocephalus longirostris*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 38.

Subfamily — ?

Genus HYLACOLA, *Gould.*

*Bill* shorter than the head, compressed; equally broad and high at the base; *culmen* gradually declining from the base to the tip; slightly notched at the apex; *riktus* beset with a few fine hairs; *nostrils* basal, oblong, rather large and defended by an operculum; *wings* short, round and concave; first, second and third primaries graduated; the fourth, fifth and sixth equal, and the longest; *tail* rather long and round; *tarsi* moderate in size; *toes* rather lengthened, the lateral toes equal.

A genus comprising two species peculiar to the southern parts of the country, one of which enjoys an extensive range from South Australia to Moreton Bay; the other has, as yet, only been found in the Great Murray Scrub.

192. *Hylacola pyrrhopygia* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 39.  
 193. *Hylacola cauta*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 40.

When I characterized this species in the 'Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London,' I had only seen a single example; I have since received a second, proving the correctness of my view of its being quite distinct from the *H. pyrrhopygia*, a fact disputed by Mr. Strickland, who had stated it to be his opinion that my figures were referable to one and the same species, but who upon an examination of the specimens themselves acknowledged he was in error.

Subfamily — ?

Genus CYSTICOLA, *Less.*

However numerous birds of this form may be in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Indian Islands, Australia outvies them all in the number of species that frequent its grassy plains. With the exception of Van Diemen's Land, every colony is inhabited by one or more species performing there precisely similar offices to those executed by the remaining species in the other parts of the world.

194. *Cysticola magna*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 41.  
 195. *Cysticola exilis* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 42.  
 196. *Cysticola lineocapilla*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 43.  
 197. *Cysticola isura*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 44.  
 198. *Cysticola ruficeps*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 45.

Subfamily — ?

Genus SERICORNIS, *Gould.*

Generic characters.

*Bill* strong, straight, nearly as long as the head, compressed laterally towards and notched at the tip; *nostrils* basal, lateral, oval, and covered by an operculum; *wings* moderate, rounded, the first quill very short, the fourth,