

law of priority, now generally adopted in zoological nomenclature, does not admit, at least in the case of the latter bird, of a change of the specific name, as the term *minuta* will always induce the impression that it is the smallest member of its genus, whereas it is really larger than the *P. pygmæa*.

As is the case with the other *Porzana*, no sexual difference is observable in the plumage of the adults; but the young, on the other hand, have all the under surface greyish white, in lieu of dark blue-grey. Very young birds, that is, just after their exclusion from the nest, I have never seen; but I have no doubt that they are very similar in colour to those of the Spotted Crake.

The figure in the opposite Plate, with its accompaniments, the Swallow-tailed Butterfly (*Papilio Machaon*) and the Yellow Water-Lily (*Nuphar lutea*), will, I trust, be of interest. Others might have been chosen, but those selected are in unison with the bird.