

excepting in the latter part of autumn and in winter. Those procured in Labrador were shot in the beginning of August, and were all young birds, apparently about to take their departure. My drawing of the two individuals represented in the Plate was made at St. Augustine, in East Florida, where I procured them on the 2nd December, 1831. I have always found these birds gentle and less shy than any other species of the genus. They fly at a considerable height with rapidity, deviating alternately to either side, and plunge toward the ground in a manner somewhat resembling that of the Solitary Sandpiper. When accidentally surprised, they start with a repeated 'weet,' less sonorous than that of the bird just mentioned. They search for food along the margins of pools, creeks, and rivers, or by the edges of sand bars, and mix with other species."

The Plate represents two birds in the intermediate plumage between summer and winter, of the size of life.