in appearance, but smaller than those of the Common Linnet; and Mr. Dunn, that the "Heather-Lintee," as it is there called, is, so far as he was aware, the only Linnet that breeds there. He adds that it is very generally dispersed, and that he had repeatedly taken its nest from shaded situations among long heath. In winter it appears in large flocks, frequently in company with Sparrows and Snow-Buntings, and then infests the corn-yards.

Mr. Thompson informs us that in the heath-clad mountains of the more northern parts of Ireland the Twite breeds annually. "In the north of Ireland it is distinguished from the other Linnets by the name of 'Heather-grey.' These birds may be seen every winter in large flocks about Clough, in the county of Antrim, where they chiefly frequent the stubble-fields in the neighbourhood of the mountains. They are said to be common about Armagh in winter. I have had specimens from the county of Fermanagh; they have been obtained in Kerry, and have been shot in the middle of February, in company with the Grey Linnet, on an island in Wexford harbour, where they seemed partial to the vicinity of high-water mark, and had taken up their quarters among the grassy banks. In the north they frequently resort to the sea-side in winter, and associate with the Grey Linnet. The nests, which have been frequently found on the top of the Knockagh Mountain, near Carrickfergus, were generally placed in the heath, but in some instances were built near to the ground, in dwarfed whins growing among the heath." Mr. Thompson mentions several other localities, and adds that "it is common and breeds in the counties of Cork and Tipperary."

In autumn and spring vast flocks often frequent the fields of cole-seed in the fens of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely.

In winter especially the Twite closely resembles the Common Linnet in plumage, but may be readily distinguished by its yellowish-red throat, devoid of dark streaks, and by the yellow colouring of the bill.

The Plate represents the two sexes, of the natural size, on the flowering ling (Calluna vulgaris, Salisb.).