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391. Sterna macrura

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Arctic Tern.

A resident species, breeding abundantly around our northern coasts.

392. Sterna fuliginosa.

Sooty Tern.

A bird of almost universal distribution. Britain has occasionally been favoured with its visits; still there are few who would give it more than a passing notice in any list of the British birds. One was shot at Wallingford, on the banks of the Thames, on the 21st of June, 1869, and kindly sent for my inspection before it was skinned by Mr. James Gardner, Jun., of Holborn and Oxford Street.

Genus Sternula.

A summer visitor. Breeds at Dungeness and many other parts of the south coast of England.

Genus Gelochelidon.

394. Gelochelidon anglica Vol. V. Pl. LXXIV.

Gull-billed Tern.

A bird of the eastern portion of Europe, Africa, and Asia, and quite an accidental visitant to Britain.

Genus Hydrochelidon.

The members of this genus frequent marshes for the purpose of breeding, and deposit their eggs in regular-formed nests of herbage. The entire group consists of about ten species, which are widely distributed over the globe.

A summer visitant, breeding in several of the marshes of England.

396. Hydrochelidon leucoptera Vol. V. Pl. LXXVI.

WHITE-WINGED TERN.

BLACK TERN.

An accidental visitor from countries to the south-eastward of our islands.