## INTRODUCTION.

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## Genus Colymbus.

One of the finest of our native birds, but does not breed with us.

362. Colymbus arcticus . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vol. V. Pl. XLIV. Black-throated Diver.

This may be considered a resident species, although it is but sparingly observed at any time. In winter the young are frequent along our southern coasts, while in summer most of the northern lochs of Scotland have each its breeding pair of birds—among other places, Loch-y-vraon and Loch Drome in Ross-shire, part of the fine property of John Fowler, Esq.

Like the last a resident species, breeding in the same parts of the country.

## Family ALCADÆ.

Formerly Britain could boast of having five species of this remarkable family of northern sea-birds; but the finest of them, the Great Auk, is now gone from the face of the waters; and if it is still enumerated in the present work, it is because we cherish the recollection of so singular a bird.

Genus	ALCA.

A common cliff-bird, breeding all round our coasts, and a constant resident on our seas.

## Genus Uria.

Common Guillemot.

Like the last very numerously dispersed round the whole of the islands and islets of Britain; breeds on the rocks; lays but a single egg.