INTRODUCTION.

Genus Chaulelasmus.

A somewhat rare winter visitant.

GADWALL.

Genus Nyroca.

In Britain there are two species of this genus; in North-America there are others, and others again in Australia.

A winter visitant, frequently taken in our decoys, and the flesh held in some esteem as representing the celebrated Canvas-backed Duck of America.

A spring visitor, almost exclusively so in England, but unknown in Ireland.

Genus Branta.

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A fine form, the native country of which is Eastern Europe and India.

The occurrence of this bird in England is very seldom and uncertain; still there are many British specimens extant.

Subfamily FULIGULINÆ.

The birds of this subfamily, or the Diving Ducks, form an extensive group, members of which are found in most parts of the globe, and which is well represented in the British Islands.

Genus Fuligula

340. Fuligula cristata Vol. V. Pl. XXIII.

Tufted Duck.

A tolerably common winter visitant to the British Islands; many remain to breed on the lakes at Clumber and Osberton in Nottinghamshire, and doubtless on other similar sheets of water.