

always more numerous at the latter season, which seems to indicate that the species on going northward in the spring travels by another route than that which it traverses on its return in autumn.

293. *ACTODROMAS PUSILLA*.

American Little Stint.

An American Little Stint (*A. pusilla*, Wilson) has twice been met with in England. In October 1853 a specimen was shot on Marazion Marsh, Cornwall; and in September 1869 a second was obtained on Northam Burrows, Devon.

This purely American bird has not been figured.

Genus *LEIMONITES*.

294. *LEIMONITES TEMMINCKII* Vol. IV. Pl. LXXIII.

TEMMINCK'S STINT.

This little Sandpiper, although of rarer occurrence than the last named, visits this country nevertheless regularly in spring and autumn. It appears, however, to be almost confined to England; for it has been met with only once in Scotland and once in Ireland.

Genus *ARQUATELLA*.

295. *ARQUATELLA MARITIMA* Vol. IV. Pl. LXXIV.

PURPLE SANDPIPER.

Throughout the greater part of the British Islands this bird is chiefly known as a winter visitant; and although it has been observed late in spring in the Hebrides, and presumably breeding there, no one has yet been fortunate enough to discover a nest there.

Genus *LIMICOLA*.

296. *LIMICOLA PYGMÆA* Vol. IV. Pl. LXXV.

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER.

An inhabitant of Northern Europe and Asia; this little bird moves southward at the approach of winter, and in four or five instances has strayed far enough towards the west to touch the English shore.

In every instance in which specimens have been obtained here, save one, the locality was the coast of Norfolk. The exceptional capture was made in Belfast Bay many years ago.