Genus Limnocinclus.

287. Limnocinclus pectoralis Vol. IV. Pl. LXVII.

Pectoral Sandpiper.

Like Bartram's Sandpiper and the Buff-breasted Sandpiper, this bird, which is common to both continents of America, occasionally finds its way across the broad Atlantic, and a temporary home in this country.

According to Mr. Harting ('Handbook,' p. 140), some sixteen instances of its occurrence are on record.

Genus Ancylocheilus.

288. Ancylocheilus subarquata Vol. IV. Pl. LXVIII.

Curlew Sandpiper.

Like many others of the Sandpipers, this bird is a regular spring and autumn migrant. The discovery of a nest in a tract of sedgy bog round the Loch of Spynie, near Elgin, on the 8th of June, 1853, has been recorded by Mr. R. Gray in his 'Birds of the West of Scotland.'

Genus Pelidna.

Although a resident species, the Dunlin is nevertheless migratory in spring and autumn. It breeds regularly in Scotland, the Hebrides, and Shetland; and the nest has also been found on the moors of Northumberland and Cornwall.

This American species, of which some eight or nine examples have now been procured in this country, is probably more familiar to English readers by the name of Schinz's Sandpiper. It is now generally admitted, however, that the so-called *Tringa* or *Pelidna Schinzii* is merely a small variety or race of the Dunlin; and the appellation therefore should cease to be employed for the present species.

Genus Actodromas.

LITTLE STINT.

This graceful little bird is a regular migrant, passing through this country in spring and autumn. It is