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ground for believing some breed within the British Islands. See Harting, 'Handbook of British Birds,' p. 44; Gray, 'Birds of the West of Scotland;' and Thompson, 'Birds of Ireland,' vol. ii. p. 120.

Genus Machetes.

This bird formerly nested regularly in the fens; but, owing to the gradual drainage of their haunts and undue persecution in the spring, very few now breed here, and that only in favoured localities. It is still, however, a regular spring and autumn migrant.

Genus Actiturus.

283. Actiturus Bartramius Vol. IV. Pl. LXIII.

Bartram's Sandpiper.

A rare straggler from the New World, which has been met with in England in three or four instances at rare intervals.

Genus Tryngites.

284. Tryngites rufescens , Vol. IV. Pl. LXIV.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper.

This is another wanderer from the American continent. It has been noticed, however, more frequently in this country than the last named: Mr. Harting, in his 'Handbook of British Birds,' p. 138, has given fifteen instances of its capture here.

Genus Tringa.

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Although a few of these birds may be found here throughout the winter, it is strictly speaking a spring and autumn migrant.

Genus Calidris.

286. Calidris arenaria

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Sanderling.

The same remark applies to this as to the last named.