261. ÆGIALITIS VOCIFERA.

Kill-deer Plover.

This American bird has been added to the list of our fauna from the circumstance of a specimen having been killed in Hampshire in 1857.

Genus Eudromias.

The type and almost the only representative of this genus is the well-known Dotterel, which passes over the British Islands in May.

262. Eudromias morinellus Vol. IV. Pl. XLIII.

DOTTEREL.

Spring and autumn migrant; breeds in Westmoreland and the adjoining counties.

Genus Cursorius.

A small genus of highly interesting birds which persistently keep to the regions of the Old World, and almost exclusively to Africa and Asia. Swift of foot, they have been called Coursers. They are said to trip over the ground with great nimbleness, their movements then presenting no inapt resemblance to pieces of paper blown about by the wind. They naturally inhabit great sandy wastes rather than cultivated and arable lands; and hence the only European species is but seldom seen.

263. Cursorius gallicus Vol. IV. Pl. XLIV.

CREAM-COLOURED COURSER.

Quite an accidental visitor to the British Islands.

Genus Hæmatopus.

Although not very numerous in species, there is scarcely any country on the face of the globe where this form is not represented. In the southern hemisphere, at Cape Horn in America, the Cape of Good Hope in Africa, in the southernmost portion of Tasmania and in New Zealand, a bird of this form is certain to be seen, while in the opposite hemisphere they are nearly as constant. These birds are commonly known by the misnomer of Oyster-catchers.

264. Hæmatopus ostralegus Vol. IV. Pl. XLV.

OYSTER-CATCHER.

A resident species round our coasts.