Strepsilas, and Hæmatopus as a part of this great family of ground-birds; and I shall here follow his arrangement, since no one has paid greater attention to this subject than that gentleman. At the same time I must remark that perhaps no two persons will agree as to the position of Vanellus.

Genus Vanellus.

Resident and generally spread over the three kingdoms. About four or five of this genus are known; they inhabit both the Old and the New World.

Genus Himantopus.

Of this form six or seven species are found in the Old and the New World respectively. They are generally termed Stilts or Stilt-Plovers, and characterized by elegance in all their actions.

An accidental visitor to Britain.

Stilt or Long-legged Plover.

LAPWING OF PEEWIT.

Genus Edicnemus.

From four to six species of this form inhabit each side of the Equator in the Old World; two or three are similarly dispersed over America.

THICK-KNEED BUSTARD.

Common and stationary in Britain.

Genus Squatarola.

Our well-known Grey Plover is almost, if not the sole member of this Genus.

GREY PLOVER.

A bird remarkable for the seasonal changes to which it is subject. In summer the breast is jet-black, while in winter the same part is striated or pure white. A bird of passage in Britain, proceeding northward in spring and returning southward at the opposite season.