Genus Ardetta.

LITTLE BITTERN.

Although never to be found with certainty, it is probable that we are seldom without the presence of this interesting marsh-lover; it cannot, however, be considered other than a chance visitor.

Family CICONIIDÆ.

This family includes among its members not only our well-known White and Black Storks, but at least twenty other species of those useful birds. Whatever the condition of Britain may formerly have been, it is no longer suited as a resting-place for either of the two species just mentioned; still scarcely a year passes without one or other of them accidentally dropping down on our marshes during their wanderings from one country to another.

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Genus Ciconia.

WHITE STORK.

A chance visitor.

Black Stork.

An accidental visitor.

Family PLATALEIDÆ.

The seven or eight known species of Spoonbills have been separated into a distinct family by Bonaparte.

They are found both in the Old and the New World. Although so limited in species they are numerous in individuals, and are very widely dispersed over the surface of the globe.

Genus Platalea.

An accidental visitor from the Continent.

Family CHARADRIIDÆ.

Mr. Harting, in his 'Handbook,' has placed Edicnemus, Squatarola, Vanellus, Eudromias, Ægialitis,