INTRODUCTION.

Genus Ectopistes.

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Migratory Pigeon.

A native of North America: three or four instances of its occurrence in England and Scotland are on record. Not figured.

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The Grouse (the trivial name for the members of this family) are among the most important of edible birds. They exist in very circumscribed limits, namely the northern portions of the Old and New Worlds. Those which frequent Britain are the magnificent Capercailzie, the Blackcock, the Red Grouse, and the Ptarmigan. Neither the Capercailzie nor the Blackcock is found in America; but that country is inhabited by species equally fine which are not found elsewhere.

Genus Tetrao.

Breeds in Scotland in abundance.

Blackcock.

A stationary and breeding species in the three kingdoms.

Genus Lagopus.

The well-known Red Grouse of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland may be regarded as the type of the present genus.

Inhabits England, Scotland, and Ireland, but not south of Wales.

PTARMIGAN.

Stationary.

Ptarmigan (summer plumage).