ORDER **RASORES.**

Family COLUMBÆ.

The members of the Columbæ, or Pigeons, may be said to be more universally dispersed than any other family of birds; for there is no portion of the globe, favoured with a temperate or warm climate, where representatives of one or more of the various genera of which it is composed do not exist. In round numbers, between three and four hundred species are now known; of these, four are inhabitants of Britain, one of which is a summer migrant.

Genus Palumbus.

214. Palumbus torquatus . . . . . Vol. IV. Pl. I.

Wood-Pigeon or Cushat.

A stationary species, universally dispersed over Britain and most parts of Europe and North Africa.

Genus Columba.

A form the members of which are chiefly confined to the Old World.

215. Columba œnas . . . . . Vol. IV. Pl. II.

Stock Dove.

Partially migratory, but breeds with us.

216. Columba livia . . . . . Vol. IV. Pl. III.

Rock-Pigeon.

Common and stationary in all the rocky portions of Britain; the supposed origin of our domestic Pigeon.

Genus Turtur.

This genus is represented by the well-known Turtle Dove, that visits Britain in spring, to which several eastern species might be added.

217. Turtur auritus . . . . . Vol. IV. Pl. IV.

Turtle Dove.

A true summer resident in all the southern and midland portions of Britain.