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164 Fringilla cœlebs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. XXXIV. Chaffinch.

A bird of general distribution over the three kingdoms; but Mr. Augustus Smith tells me that in the Scilly Islands it only appears in winter.

165. Fringilla montifringilla . . . . . . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. XXXV.

Bramble-Finch.

A true winter visitant; gregarious. Arrives in autumn, probably from Norway and Lapland, where the process of reproduction has been accomplished.

## Genus Carduelis.

A limited genus, of which our beautiful Goldfinch is the type, and whose only associates are the C. caniceps of the Himalayas and the C. orientalis of Central India.

A resident species, common and almost universally distributed over the British Islands, and equally plentiful on the neighbouring continent.

## Genus Chrysomitris.

Of this genus one species inhabits the Old World, and some seven or eight are distributed over America, from California to Chili.

167. Chrysomitris spinus . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. XXXVII. Siskin.

As regards this beautiful little bird, Scotland has the advantage over England; for it regularly breeds there, while with us it is a winter visitant; and in Ireland it is only seen at that season.

## Genus Serinus.

A small group of about three species, one of which, the Common Canary, is the type. They inhabit Europe, Palestine, Madeira, and the Canary Islands.

168. Serinus hortulanus . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. XXXVIII. Serin Finch.

Has been several times killed in England. Mr. Harting enumerates ten instances of its occurrence