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SAVI'S WARBLER.

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Has many times been killed in England, where, however, it must be considered a rare visitant, and principally to the eastern counties.

Genus Locustella.

About five species of this genus are known; of these one or other frequent Central and Southern Europe, Asia, Siberia, and China.

129. Locustella avicula · · · · · · · · · · · · Vol. II. Pl. LXXVIII.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER.

A yearly summer visitant to England, some parts of Scotland, and Ireland, in all of which countries it breeds, and afterwards stealthily departs southwards in autumn.

Family MOTACILLIDÆ.

The Motacillidæ are among the most graceful of birds, and, from their familiarity, tameness of disposition, and the sprightliness of their actions, are great favourites with every one who lives in the country. They have been judiciously separated into two distinct groups, the Pied and the Yellow Wagtails, the generic term Motacilla being retained for the former, and that of Budytes for the latter. There is also another form, to which the term Calobates has been applied; of this only one or two species have yet been discovered; of the other genera many are known. All, both Pied and Yellow, are strictly confined to the Old World, more particularly its northern portions.

Genus Motacilla.

Two species of this form inhabit Britain—one of which is resident, the other migratory; in India there are three or four; and in China and Japan we meet with as many more. Their natural province is the ground; but they readily perch on the branches of trees.

PIED WAGTAIL.

A resident species in the three kingdoms, breeds freely in the neighbourhood of dwellings, and is one of the foster-parents of the young Cuckoo.