Hab. Northern Asia, India, Nepaul, China, Japan, and Formosa. Has occurred accidentally in Sweden, in Heligoland, and Berlin, and near Leyden.

119. REGULOIDES CALENDULA.

Ruby-crowned Wren.

All that is known respecting the occurrence of this species in our islands is comprised in the following note from Mr. R. Gray's 'Birds of Western Scotland:'—

"In the summer of 1852, Dr. Dewar, of Glasgow, shot a specimen of this North-American species in Kenmore Wood, on the banks of Loch Lomond. The bird was exhibited at a meeting of the Natural-History Society of Glasgow on the 27th of April, 1858, and identified by me. Dr. Dewar stated that he had found it in company with a large flock of Goldcrests, and that he had shot a dozen birds altogether before he recognized the differences which this one presented. Dr. Bree, in his work on the birds of Europe, states that the Rev. H. B. Tristram has a Ruby-crowned Kinglet in his possession, which was given him in the flesh, and which was killed by a Durham pitman, in 1852, in Brancepeth woods; from this it would seem that a second example has occurred in this country."

Genus Regulus.

The Golden-crested Wrens or Kinglets are a charming group of small birds inhabiting the northern regions of the Old and New Worlds. In their actions and in their mode of nidification they remind us of the *Paridæ*, or Tits; but no one has yet, I believe, removed them from among the true Sylvian birds, nor shall I do so in the present work. England is tenanted by two species, which, with one or two others, are all that are known in the Old World; in the new portion of the globe there may be as many more. In disposition they are as tame as they are sprightly and pleasing in their actions. They suspend a neat hammock-shaped nest beneath the branches of fir or other trees. Their eggs are numerous; and the progeny soon acquire the plumage of the adult.

A native of Europe, and doubtless other countries to the south and eastward. With us it is a resident species, and frequents alike the three kingdoms.

121. Regulus ignicapillus Vol. II. Pl. LXX. Fire-crested Wren.

Very generally dispersed over the continent of Europe and North Africa; it is purely an accidental visitant to Britain.

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