some writers they are considered to be one and the same species; by others each has been regarded as distinct. In habits and disposition the Bluethroats are peculiar: they exhibit none of the bold daring of the Wheatear and the Robin; neither do they sit on a twig and show their breasts like the Whin- and Stone-Chats; on the contrary they skulk among bushes and dense herbage of hill-sides, or among the grasses in a meadow, concealing rather than showing their beautiful colouring, as if conscious that its exposure would be adverse to their well-being.

99. Cyanecula suecica Vol. II. Pl. XLIX. Red-throated Bluebreast.

A lovely little bird, which lives in Eastern Europe and probably in Africa. In the summer it is to be seen on the Dovrefjeld, in the winter in the sunny south. It sometimes pays England a visit, and hence is included in our avifauna; but its occurrence must be regarded as purely accidental.

A native of France and Southern Europe, accidental in England.

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Genus Ruticilla.

Redstarts, as the members of this genus are trivially called, not only inhabit Europe, but are abundant in India and China.

101. Ruticilla phœnicura Vol. II. Pl. LI. Redstart.

Arrives from the south in April, frequents our gardens, breeds in our apple-trees, and renders its visits agreeable by its pleasing song, the sprightliness of its actions, and the beauty of its plumage. It also visits the southern and central parts of Europe generally.

102. Ruticilla tithys Vol. II. Pl. LII. Black Redstart.

A native of Central Europe and the countries to the southward and eastward thereof, pays England almost annually a visit during the months of autumn, when other migrants have gone south to winter in Africa; still it must be regarded as an accidental visitor only. With us it frequents rocky situations; but on the Continent it takes up its abode in gardens, just as the Redstart does here.

Genus Aedon, Boie.

The members of this genus are inhabitants of the Old World, where their head quarters appear to be Eastern Europe and Northern Africa.