

in the British Museum collection, one being pale buff, very thickly mottled and speckled with rich rufous-bronze, and the other of a greyish cream-colour, blotched and spotted with sepia, brown, and pale underlying purple ¹³.

Subfam. *SCOLOPACINÆ*.

This subfamily, which comprises several of the Sandpipers and the Snipes, differs from the Totaninæ in having the toes cleft to the base, without any connecting-web.

The species of this group, like those of the foregoing, are practically cosmopolitan in their distribution.

TRINGITES.

Tringites, Cab. J. f. Orn. 1856, p. 418; Sharpe, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. xxiv. p. 521 (1896).

In this genus the legs are decidedly long, the tarsus exceeding the culmen in length, and being longer than the middle toe and claw. In all the other members of the Scolopacinæ the tarsus does not exceed the dimensions of the bill. The inner webs of the primaries are mottled. The tail is long and doubly emarginate.

Only one species of *Tringites* is known, peculiar to the New World, nesting in the north, and visiting Central America on migration on its way south to its winter residence.

1. *Tringites subruficollis*.

Chorlito garganta blanca acanelada, Azara, Apunt. iii. p. 320 ¹.

Tringa subruficollis, Vieill. N. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. xxxiv. p. 465 ².

Tringites subruficollis, A. O. U. Check-l. N. Amer. Birds, p. 158 ³; ibid. 2nd ed. p. 96 ⁴; Cherrie, Auk, 1892, p. 329 ⁵; Elliot, N. Amer. Shore-Birds, p. 145 ⁶; Sharpe, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. xxiv. pp. 521 ⁷, 766 ⁸; Oates, Cat. Eggs Brit. Mus. ii. p. 51 ⁹.

Tringa rufescens, Vieill. N. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. xxxiv. p. 470 ¹⁰; Seebohm, Geogr. Distr. Charadr. p. 446 ¹¹.

Tringites rufescens, Cab. J. f. Orn. 1856, p. 418 ¹²; Dresser, Ibis, 1866, p. 39 ¹³; v. Frantz. J. f. Orn. 1869, p. 377 ¹⁴; Dugès, La Nat. i. p. 142 ¹⁵; Baird, Brew., & Ridgw. Water-Birds N. Amer. i. p. 305 ¹⁶; Salv. Ibis, 1889, p. 379 ¹⁷.

Ptil. hiem. Supra maculata, plumis nigris, arenario-rufa marginatis; ala spuria, tectricibus primariorum et remigibus brunneis, intus nigro irroratis, albido anguste terminatis, macula subterminali nigra; rectricibus medianis nigricantibus, reliquis brunneis rufescenti-albo terminatis, nigro sparsim irroratis et subterminaliter fasciatis; pileo arenario, nigro anguste striolato; facie laterali et corpore subtus pallide cinnamomeo-rufis, plumis indistincte albido marginatis, abdomine et subcaudalibus pallidioribus; subalaribus clare cinnamomeis, marginalibus ad basin seriatim nigris; tectricibus primariorum inferioribus et remigibus infra nigro marginatis: rostro sordide olivascenti-viridi; pedibus sordide flavicanti-viridibus; iride coryllina. Long. tota circa 7·4, alæ 5·2, caudæ 2·35, culm. 1·05, tarsi 1·35. (Descr. avis adultæ ex Ins. Ruatan. Mus. nostr.)

Ptil. æstiv. a ptilosi hiemali vix distinguenda, sed paullo rufescentior, et pectore summo laterali et præpectore maculis paucis nigris ornatis. (Descr. maris adulti ex Point Barrow. Mus. nostr.)

Hab. NORTH AMERICA, especially in the interior; breeding in the Yukon district