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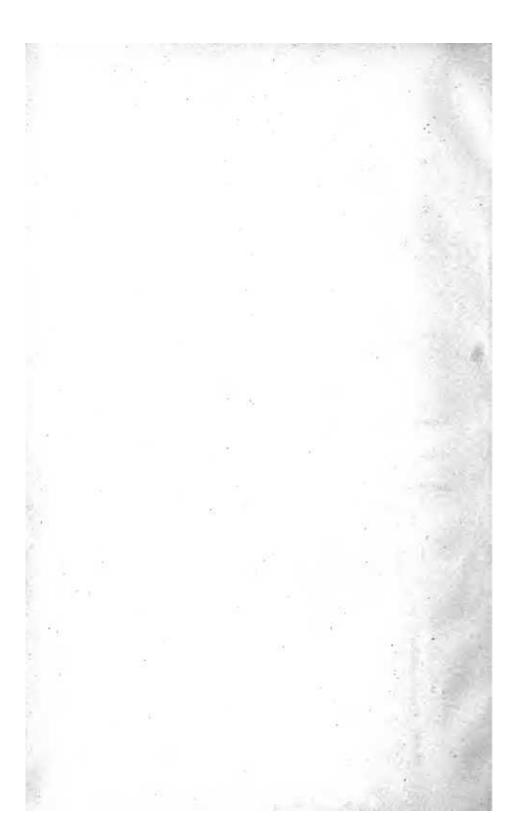
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PREFACE.

The plan and execution of the present work, which, it is hoped, will materially assist in lightening the labours of working Ornithologists, are entirely due to Mr. Waterhouse.

I have only assisted him by general advice, by looking over the proof-sheets, and by writing these few words of preface.

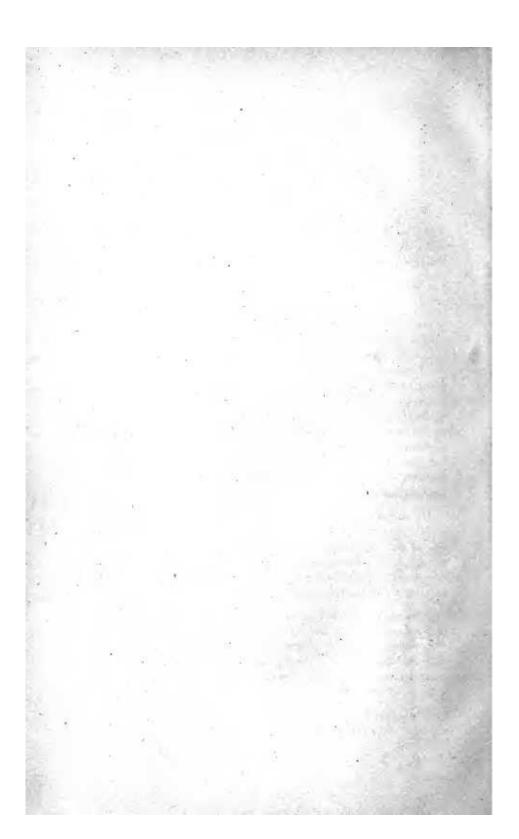
It will be observed that, as its title implies, the 'Index Generum Avium' consists merely of an alphabetical list of about 7000 terms that have been employed or suggested by various authors, since the date of the twelfth edition of Linneus's 'Systema Naturæ,' as generic and subgeneric names for Birds, and of references to the places and dates of their publication. No attempt has been made to discriminate between these various terms as to which of them should be most correctly employed. Such points are left for the decision of those who use the 'Index.' But so much time is often lost in ascertaining where and when a generic name was first given, that it is believed that the information thus accumulated in a handy form cannot fail to be of much practical value.

The author does not profess that the 'Index' is complete, but as Librarian of the Zoological Society of London, and thus with one of the best series of ornithological books in the world at his command, he has done his utmost to render it free from errors and omissions. Except in the few cases where they are marked with an asterisk, all the references have been personally verified.

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