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THE following pages have already been in some degree before the public, as papers read before the subscribers to the Norwich Museum, and the indulgent reception they then met with has caused their re-appearance in this form.

I am not vain enough to suppose that I can add much to the zoological knowledge which is yearly becoming more general amongst us. Yet it is from local Faunas—from notes made by different observers in various districts, as to the frequency or scarcity of species in the counties in which they reside—that the Master Naturalist must build up his system for a nation. The humblest attempt therefore is not without its portion of utility.

To J. H. Gurney, Esq. I am indebted for a great deal of useful information on Norfolk Ornithology; my thanks are also due to a lady whose able pencil has often befriended me before, and who furnished the etchings illustrative of a decoy.

If the observations on Decoys are thought to have interest, the credit belongs to my friend J. Kerrison, Esq., the possessor of the Ranworth decoy, from whom I learnt whatever I know on the subject.

With regard to Land Birds, my notes treat of the rarer species alone; but with respect to Water Birds I have endeavoured to be more general. In this period of railroads, &c. so much alteration may be looked for in a few years, that some species now remaining in our marshes, will be speedily extinct.

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