

Adult, with the black head and crest, and the white frontlet band characteristic of the breeding-plumage.

6. *Sterna fuliginosa*, Gm.

Sterna fuliginosa, Gm., Syst. Nat., vol. i. p. 605, 1788; Saunders, Proc. Zool. Soc., 1876, p. 666, et 1877, p. 696.

[One specimen ♀. Boatswain-bird Island, Ascension Island, about April 4, 1873.

No. 124, ♀. No. 125, ♂.	}	Raine Island, Barrier Reef, Australia,	{	Eyes, bill, and feet black. Stomach of first contained a cuttlefish and a piece of coral; that of second, nothing. In great numbers. Eggs rounded and more spotted than those of the Noddy.]
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Fifteen eggs of this species from Raine Island form a very fine series.

These three specimens are in adult breeding plumage, the long outer tail-streamers being, however, somewhat abraded.

7. *Gygis candida*, Gm.

Sterna candida, Gm., Syst. Nat., vol. i., 2, p. 607, 1788.

Gygis candida, Wagler, Isis, 1832, p. 1223; Proc. Zool. Soc., 1876, p. 667, et 1877, p. 797.

[Two specimens, ♂ and ♀. Boatswain-bird Island, Ascension Island, about April 3, 1876.

No. 546, ♀ No. 547, ♀	}	Tahiti, September 18 to October 2, 1875. Shot by Balfour on trees near Papuerini? Eyes black.]
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These are two specimens in spirits.

All these examples have bills broad at the base, although from the mandibular angle to the tip there is some slight variation, those of the Tahitian birds being more pointed, whilst in those from the volcanic crags of Boatswain-bird Island the bill is evidently worn down and blunted. In the coloration of the webs of the feet, also, the Tahitian birds are of a brighter lemon-colour; but the extent of this colour is the same in all, viz., down to and a little below the last joint of the middle toe. The shafts of the tail-feathers and of the primaries seem liable to become white with the age of the feather itself, owing to abrasion of the surface; but in no case are the characteristics wanting which distinguish this species from *Gygis microrhyncha*, only known at present from the Marquesas Islands, where the present species is also found. The fact of its being obtained near Ascension Island is an interesting addition to our knowledge of its range, as it has not yet been recorded on that side, so far as I am aware, beyond St Helena.