

obtained during the visit to Kerguelen Island; others were secured at sea in the South Pacific Ocean, a few near the Straits of Magellan, at Nightingale Island, and elsewhere. None of the species present any difficulty as regards their nomenclature; but I take this opportunity of adding a few notes on this subject, gathered during recent study of the species to which they belong.

1. *Oceanites oceanicus*, Kuhl.

Procellaria oceanica, Kuhl, Beitr., p. 136, pl. x. fig. 1.

Oceanites oceanica, Coues, Pr. Ac. Phil., 1864, p. 82; Salv., Orn. Misc., vol. ii. p. 227; et Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 735.

[a-c. Males. }
d, e. Females. } Ice Barrier, February 14, 1874.]

2. *Fregetta grallaria*, Vieill.

Procellaria grallaria, Vieill., N. Diet. d'Hist. N., vol. xxv. p. 418.

Fregetta grallaria, Bp., Consp., vol. ii. p. 197; Coues, Pr. Ac. Phil., 1864, p. 86; Salv., Proc. Zool. Soc., 1878, p. 735.

Thalassidroma leucogastra, Gould, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., vol. xiii. p. 367, et B. Austr., vol. ii. pl. lxiii.

[Nos. 568-571. Females. }
Nos. 572, 573. Male. } South Pacific, November 11, 1875.]

Eyes brown. Their stomachs were filled with a yellow oil, and mixed with it some pieces of Crustacea.]

I am strongly disposed to add to the above synonyms *Thalassidroma gracilis*, Elliot, Ibis, 1859, p. 391, and *Thalassidroma segethi*, Phil. and Landb., Arch. f. Naturg., 1860, names admitted by many authors to apply both of them to a species found on the Chilian coast. I have seen specimens of the present species in the Paris Museum from the same locality; and the Challenger specimens now before me were obtained at sea at no great distance from the same shore, so that on geographical grounds their identity is a reasonable supposition. The chief, if not the only discrepancy I can find between the description of *Fregetta gracilis* and *Fregetta grallaria* is one of dimensions, the former being considerably smaller (as shown by Mr Elliot's measurements) than the Challenger birds. Thus we have:—

	Wing.	Tarsus.	Tail.
	in.	in.	in.
<i>Fregetta gracilis</i> ,	5.22	2.40	1.20
<i>Fregetta grallaria</i> ,	5.9-6.3	2.9-3.0	1.3-1.4