

MOTACILLA REGULUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum subulatum, rectum: mandibulis subæqualibus.

Nares ovatæ.

Lingua lacero-emarginata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 328.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MOTACILLA subvirescens, subtus pallida, verticis fascia longitudinali lutea utrinque nigro marginata.

MOTACILLA remigibus secundariis exteriori margine flavis, medio albis, vertice luteo.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 338.

REGULUS CRISTATUS.

Will. orn. p. 163. t. 42.

SYLVIA REGULUS.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 548.

Antequam detectus esset orbis Americanus, avium omnium minima habebatur Motacilla Regulus: mi-

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norem certe non alit Europa. Eximiam eleganti
huic aviculæ affert pulchritudinem quæ verticem
decorat fascia læte aurantia utrinque etiam nigro
terminata. Non mollis et tenella est Motacilla Re-
gulus, sed hiemes nostro sub coelo frigidissimas
illæsa perfert. Cernere est eam sæpius in quercu-
bus quas amare videtur ante alias arbores.



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THE
GOLDEN-CROWNED WREN.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill subulate (or awl-shaped); straight; the mandibles nearly equal.

Nostrils nearly oval.

Tongue jagged, or lacerated towards the tip.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

GREENISH MOTACILLA, pale beneath, with a longitudinal gold-yellow band edged on each side with black on the crown of the head.

THE GOLDEN-CROWNED WREN.

Raii syn. p. 79. A. 9.

Will. orn. p. 227. pl. 42.

Br. Zool. 1. No. 153.

The Motacilla Regulus, or golden-crested Wren, is the smallest of all the European birds, and till the discovery of the American continent, was regarded as the most diminutive of the feathered tribe. The rich orange-coloured stripe on the top

of the head, softening into yellow, and bounded on each side by a line of black, gives a peculiarly beautiful appearance to this elegant species. It is a bird of a hardy constitution, and bears without seeming inconvenience the severest winters of our climate. It is more frequently seen on oak trees than on any others.



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