ALCA IMPENNIS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum edentulum, breve, compressum, convexum, transverse sæpius fulcatum.

Nares lineares.

Lingua fere longitudine rostri.

Pedes tridactyli palmati, digito postico nullo.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 791.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ALCA rostro compresso-ancipiti fulcato, macula ovata utrinque ante oculos.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 210.

ALCA major.

Bris. av. 6. p. 85.

Mergus Americanus.

Clus. exot. p. 103.

Qui in antarcticis partibus *Pinguinariis* datur ordo, in arcticis idem *Alcis* videtur recte tribuendus. Ob alas brevissimas ad pinguinariarum similitudinem præcipue accedit species quam depinximus, nec volandi capax, nec recti et firmi incessus. Europæ et Americæ regiones maxime septentrionales incolit,

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raro e mari in littus progediens, nisi ovum deponen-
di causa, quod unicum parere dicitur in nudo aliquo
loco prope marginem. Magnitudo avi est quasi an-
feris communis.

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THE
GREAT AWK.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Beak toothless, short, compressed, convex, often transversely fulcated.

Nostrils linear.

Tongue almost the length of the bill.

Feet tridactyle, webbed, without hind toe.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

AWK with compressed furrowed beak, with an oval white spot on each side the head before the eyes.

GREAT AWK.

Lath. syn. 3. p. 311.

Northern Penguin.

Edw. 147.

The Alcæ or Awks seem to hold the same rank in the northern hemisphere with the Penguins in the southern: the present species, in particular, from the remarkable smallness of its wings, is extremely allied to the Penguins, being equally incapacitated both for flight and for steady walking. It is a native of the most northern parts of Europe and Asia, and is not often seen on shore, except in the breeding season, when it comes to deposit and hatch its egg, (for it is said to lay but one,) on some bare spot on the edge of the coast. It is about the size of a goose.

Shaw, George. 1800. "The Great Awk, *Alca impennis* [Pl. 417]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 11(CXXVII), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310864>.

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