ON THE BIRDS OF LINCOLNSHIRE AND THE FENS.

From Drayton's Poly-olbion, S. xxiii., xxv. *

From Ely all along upon the eastern sea,
Then Lincolnshire herself in state at length doth lay:
Which, for her fatt'ning fens, her fish, and fowl, may have
Pre-eminence: as she that seemeth to outbrave
All other southern shires. . . . .

She, by the Muses' aid, shall happily reveal
Her sundry sorts of fowl, from whose abundance she
Above all other tracts may boast herself to be
The mistress; and, indeed, to sit without compare:
"My various fleets for fowl, O who is he can tell,
The species that in me for multitudes excel!
The Duck 1 and Mallard 1 first, the falconer's only sport,
(Of river-flights the chief, so that all other sort
They only green-fowl term,) in every mere abound,
That you would think they sat upon the very ground,

* We are indebted to Mr. Yarrell for the notes which are subjoined.—Ed.

1 Anas Boschas, female and male. The Peregrine Falcon was the species most commonly used for duck-hawking, and our wild-duck, from its courage as well as its powers of flight, is almost the only duck that will take the air boldly and "try conclusions" with him. I have been told by falconers, that if it blows hard, the wild-duck can make its way up wind so fast as to get clear off. The Peregrine Falcon is frequently called the Duck-hawk. They breed on high rocks near the coast, and subsist almost exclusively on water-fowl.
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