

VAGINALIS AUSTRALIS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum robustum, conico-convexum, compressum, mandibula superiore vagina mobili cornea tecta.

Facies nuda, papillosa.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

VAGINALIS alba, facie papillosa.

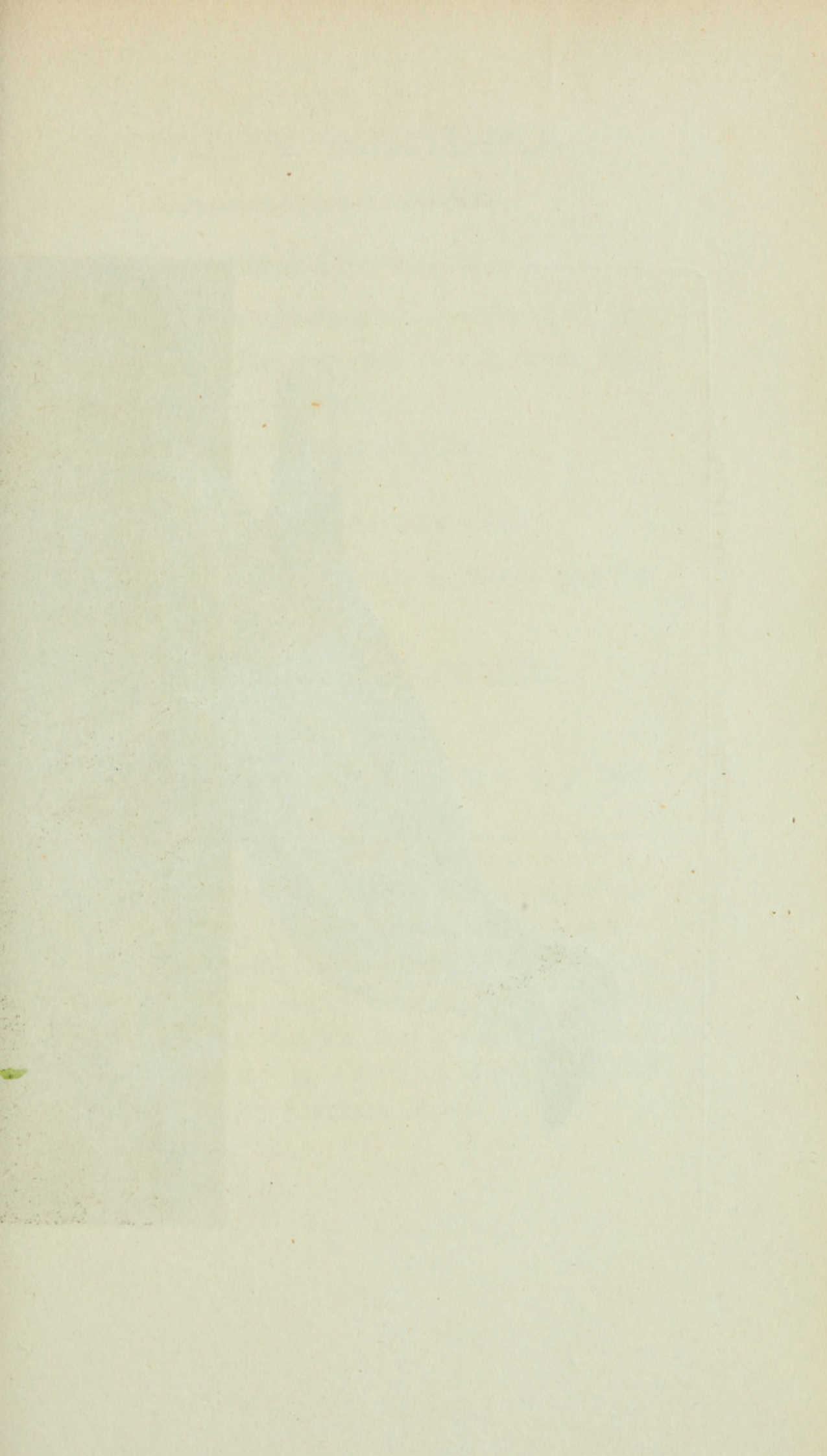
VAGINALIS Chionis.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 774.

VAGINALIS alba.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 705.

Genus *Vaginalis* ex iis est novis ob avium nuperime detectarum abundantiam necessario institutis. Constat ex unica specie cui magnitudo est quasi columbæ vulgaris. Australasiam insulasque maris pacifici præcipue incolit.





THE
SOUTHERN SHEATHBILL.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill strong, conically-convex, compressed; the upper mandible covered at the base by a moveable horny sheath.

Face naked, covered with papillæ.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

White SHEATHBILL, with scattered papillæ about the face.

The Southern or White SHEATHBILL.

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Lath. syn. 3. p. 268.

The genus Vaginalis or Sheathbill is one of the new genera which, in consequence of the late discoveries in ornithology, it has been found necessary to institute. The species here represented is the only one at present known, and is about the size of a common Pigeon. It is a native of New Holland and of the scattered Southern islands.



Shaw, George. 1800. "The Southern Sheathbill, *Vaginalis australis* [Pl. 481]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 12(CXXXV), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310927>.

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