

Nitzsch and Schoepss have only	3	} Orders.
Viellot, Vigors, Mac Leay, and Swainson	5	
Linné, Cuvier, Dumeril, and Carus	6	
Illiger	7	
Scopoli, Latham, Myers, and Wolf	9	
Temminck	13	
Grant	16	
Schæffer	17	
Brisson	28	
Lacepede	38	

One may truly say here, "the choice perplexes;" and the young Ornithologist must be puzzled to determine which of these systems he ought to adopt, especially since the several authors of them were amongst the most eminent zoologists of their time.

I am indebted to Mr. Owen for my knowledge of the first of these systems, of which, as at present it is little known in this country, I will here give an abstract, without entering into its merits, except that its *primary* sections, or Orders, form a very natural division of the Class.

ORDERS.—I. Aërial Birds. *Luftvögeln.*

- Sub-orders.—A. Accipitrines.
B. Passerines.
C. Pies.

II. Terrestrial Birds. *Erdvögeln.*

- A. Columbines.
B. Gallinaceans.
C. Coursers.

III. Aquatic Birds. *Wasservögeln.*

- A. Waders.
B. Anserines.

In this last Order he includes the Bustards,* which surely ought to form a separate Sub-order.

* Otis.