

WRENS

Family TROGLODYTIDÆ

It is very doubtful if the single species representative of this family in Malaya is correctly placed in this association ; in any event it forms a connecting link between the true wrens and the babblers, with which we have just been dealing.

Our bird, *Pnoepyga pusilla harterti*, is one of a small group that is found only on mountains of considerable elevation, from the Himalayas, through Burma, the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Borneo, Java to the lesser Sunda Islands. It is a small species, less than four inches long, with long legs and large feet, and no visible tail ; brown above, and mottled white or pale yellow beneath.

It is strictly terrestrial in its habits, and occurs only among dense and tangled vegetation on mountains above 4000 ft. in height, and will therefore be described in the volume devoted to the birds of the hill stations.