toes at their basis. The Spaniards call this bird the stork of Chili, and in truth it appears to have more affinity with that genus than with the curlew. With regard to the plumage, it is white, striped with black.

The pillu almost always keeps in marshes and on the the margin of rivers and lakes of fresh water. It feeds upon reptiles: it is never upon trees, or on any sort of eminence; it generally places its nest among reeds, and the female lays two white eggs which have a bluish tinge.

The first curlew of Hudson's Bay is about the size of the small curlew, and has many affinities with it: so that it will not be surprising if future observation should prove that this curlew of Hudson's Bay is but a simple variety of the small curlew, from which, in fact, it differs only by a white stripe, which divides longitudinally the top of the head, by another white line in the form of an arch above the eye, and by the rump being of the same colour as the back. Mr. Pennant was the first that mentioned this species. It arrives in numerous flights upon the coast of Labrador, in the months of August and September, and at Hudson's Bay in April and May. These birds keep in open places, and their flesh acquires 2 Q much VOL. VI.