

number of the names borne by the types seem never to have been published.—J. A. A.

Bendire on the Nests and Eggs of Rare Species of North American Birds.—In the 'Proceedings' of the U. S. National Museum, Captain C. E. Bendire has recently published two papers on the nest and eggs of several little known species of North American birds. The first treats of the California Black-capped Gnatcatcher,* describing its nest and eggs found by Mr. F. Stephens at San Bernardino, Cal. — the first thus far described. The second paper† describes the nests and eggs of several species, collected by Lieut. Harry C. Benson near Fort Huachuca, Southern Arizona. These are the Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*), the Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo abbreviatus*), the Aplomado Falcon (*Falco fusco-cærulescens*), Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), the Arizona Jay (*Aphelocoma sieberii arizonæ*), the White-necked Raven (*Corvus cryptoleucus*), Stephens's Vireo (*Vireo huttoni stephensi*), and the Lead-colored Bush-tit (*Psaltriparus plumbeus*).—J. A. A.

Lawrence on a New Species of American Bird.—In the 'Proceedings' of the U. S. National Museum Mr. George N. Lawrence has described‡ a new species of *Catharus* (*C. berlepschi*), from Ecuador, allied to *C. fuscater*.—J. A. A.

Stejneger on the Japanese Creepers.—Dr. Stejneger, in his 'Review of Japanese Birds,' has recently discussed the Creepers of the genus *Certhia*,§ of which he recognizes two forms, *C. familiaris* and *C. f. scandulaca*, which he treats at length with his usual discrimination and thoroughness.

Dr. Stejneger has also published a paper on the type specimen of *Galulinula eurizonoides* Lafr.,|| described as from "I'Inde," but which Dr. Stejneger thinks it pretty safe to assume came from the Philippine Archipelago. Its near Indian ally is accordingly named *Euryzona eurizonoides amauroptera* (Blyth).—J. A. A.

Beckham on the Birds of Southwestern Texas.¶—In a posthumous paper of over sixty pages the late Mr. Beckham has recorded his observations on the birds observed by him during December, 1886, and January,

*Description of the Nest and Eggs of the California Black-capped Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica* Brewster). Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1887, pp. 549-550.

†Notes on a Collection of Birds' Nests and Eggs from Southern Arizona Territory. Ibid., pp. 551-558.

‡Description of a New Species of Bird of the genus *Catharus*, from Ecuador. Ibid., 1887, 503. (Aug. 6, 1888.)

§Review of Japanese Birds. VII.—The Creepers. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1887, pp. 606-611. (Sept. 19, 1888.)

||On the Type-specimen of *Euryzona eurizonoides* (Lafr.). Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. Vol. XXIII, pp. 461-464. (May, 1888.)

¶Observations on the Birds of Southwestern Texas. By Charles Wickliffe Beckham. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1887, pp. 633-696. (Sept. 19, 1888.)

February, and March, 1887, in Bexar, Bee, and Nueces Counties, Texas. The list includes 283 species, of which 226 were found in Bexar County. All are copiously annotated. In the first eleven pages he reviews the work of his predecessors in the same field, comparing their results with his own, and also describing the topographic and floral features of the region under consideration. He says: "At first it was my purpose to record only the results of my own observations, but upon reflection it seemed better to embody the notes of the other observers who had collected in the same localities, and thus present a pretty fair picture of the avifauna along what I believe to be an important line of faunal inosculation, if such a term be permissible." He thus quotes frequently from the observations of Dr. H. B. Butcher, Messrs. H. E. Dresser, N. C. Brown, G. B. Sennett, Dr. J. C. Merrill, and J. L. Hancock, whose papers are cited in the 'Bibliography,' with which the paper closes. He has thus not only added much original matter, but condensed in convenient form the scattered records of previous observers. Under *Colinus virginianus texanus* (p. 655), he gives at length his reasons for believing that *C. graysoni* will be found to intergrade with this form as well as with *C. ridgwayi*. At p. 686 he notes his interesting experience with the rare Golden-cheeked Warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), and has many pleasant biographical notes on many of the lesser known species. This, it is sad to recall, was nearly Mr. Beckham's last work in ornithology, his death occurring even before the publication of the present paper (see Auk, V, p. 445).—J. A. A.

- Minor Ornithological Publications.**—'Forest and Stream,' Vols. XXVIII and XXIX contains the following notes and papers (Nos. 1287-1388):—
1287. *Food of Hawks and Owls.* 'Forest and Stream,' Vol. XXVIII, No. 1, Jan. 27, 1887, p. 3.—Report of the West Chester (Pa.) Microscopical Society, giving tabulated results of the examination of Hawks' and Owls' stomachs, and also a paper of the same nature by L. S. Foster; the whole forming a most important contribution to our knowledge of this subject.
1288. *The English Sparrow.* By J. L. Davison. *Ibid.*, No. 1, Jan. 27, p. 4.—Advising its extermination.
1289. *Michigan Winter Bird Notes.* By E. L. Mosely. *Ibid.*, No. 1, Jan. 27, p. 4.—Notes on six species.
1290. *The Terns of Muskeget Island.* Editorial. *Ibid.*, No. 2, Feb. 3, p. 23.—An officer placed on the island to prevent their slaughter by millinery collectors.
1291. *Midwinter Appearance of the Linnet (Carpodacus purpureus) at Halifax, N. S.* By J. Matthew Jones. *Ibid.*, No. 2, Feb. 3, p. 24.
1292. *A Duck's Homing.* From Rutland (Vt.) Herald. *Ibid.*, No. 2, Feb. 3, p. 24.
1293. *Snowy Owl.* By A. A. A. *Ibid.*, No. 2, Feb. 3, p. 24.—At North East, Erie Co., Pa.
1294. *Canadian Game and Fish Resorts.* By Ernest E. Thompson. *Ibid.*, No. 3, Feb. 10, p. 42.—Notes on Canadian game birds.
1295. *Florida Bird Notes.* By H. A. Kline. *Ibid.*, No. 3, Feb. 10, pp.