

**Berlepsch on some Neotropical Birds in the U. S. National Museum.**—

In a paper in the 'Proceedings' of the U. S. National Museum \* Count von Berlepsch publishes his determinations of various specimens submitted to him for examination. They represent 28 species of Hummingbirds, and 6 species of Passerine birds, the specimens of the latter being types of species described by Mr. George N. Lawrence. The paper comprises much interesting comment on questions of nomenclature and the status of alleged species. *Uranomitra quadricolor* Elliot (*nec* Vieillot) is named *U. ellioti*.—J. A. A.

**Stejneger on European Titmice.**—Dr. Stejneger, in a paper on the European Marsh-tits, † finds three forms of Marsh-tits in the Scandinavian Peninsula, one of which, *Parus colletti*, he describes as new. The relationship of the three forms is considered at length. In a paper on the European Crested Titmice, ‡ he finds the Scandinavian form separable from that of central Europe. To the former he restricts the name *Parus cristatus* Linn., and adopts *Parus mitratus* Brehm for the form of central Europe, which may, he says, prove to be only a geographical race of *P. cristatus*.—J. A. A.

**Stejneger on Hawaiian Birds.**—Two additional § collections received at the U. S. National Museum from Mr. Valdemar Knudsen form the basis of two recent papers by Dr. Stejneger. The first || contains extended comment on 10 species of water birds, one of which, *Puffinus knudseni*, is described as new. *Anas wyvilliana* is described at length, and its relationships defined, its nearest affine proving to be *A. aberti* Ridgw. of northwestern Mexico, as previously pointed out by Mr. Ridgway.

The collection treated in the second paper ¶ was made wholly in the island of Kauai, and numbers about 20 species, of which about one-half are land birds. *Oreomyza wilsoni* is described as new. Further material shows that *Puffinus knudseni* is not separable from Mr. Salvin's *P. caneatatus*, described only a few months before *P. knudseni* was published.—J. A. A.

\* Notes on some Neotropical Birds belonging to the United States National Museum. By Hans von Berlepsch. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1888, pp. 559-566. (Published Sept. 20-25, 1889.)

† Notes on European Marsh-tits with Description of a new Subspecies from Norway. By Leonhard Stejneger. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1888, pp. 71-76. (Published Mar. 8, 1888.)

‡ Notes on the European Crested Titmice. By Leonhard Stejneger. *Ibid.*, pp. 113-114.

§ See Auk, Vol. V, p. 196.

|| Further Contributions to the Hawaiian Avifauna. By Leonhard Stejneger. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 1888, pp. 93-103. (Published Nov. 8, 1888.)

¶ Notes on a Third Collection of Birds made in Kauai Hawaiian Islands, by Valdemar Knudsen. By Leonhard Stejneger. *Ibid.* Vol. XII, pp. 377-386. (Published March 8, 1890.)