

The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher has not been seen in Maine before in spring, and has been positively identified in the State but once before.<sup>1</sup>—  
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**Southern California Bird Notes.**—The following notes on birds observed in the vicinity of San Bernardino, Cal., have been kindly furnished me by my friend Mr. R. B. Herron of Ferndale, Cal.

**Callipepla californica vallicola** + **C. gambeli deserticola** *Stephens.*—Mr. Herron has recently received a fine pair (♂ and ♀) of hybrids between the above two species. They were shot near Hesperia, Cal., about Dec. 20, 1895, out of a flock of seven or eight, presumably the same brood. Mr. Herron some time since took a pair of hybrids in the Colorado Desert which were described by Mr. Henshaw in the Nuttall Bulletin; he also shot a mated pair at Palm Springs, Cal., in the Colorado Desert, of which the male was *deserticola* and the female *vallicola*; these were nesting. The following is a description of the male hybrid: Crown brown as in *deserticola*; neck-feathers with heavy shaft-lines as in *vallicola* but no white dotting; fore part of breast with faint shaft-lines like *deserticola*: pectoral spot very light buff—lighter than in *vallicola*—with faint scalings. Spot on belly small and light brown, feathers with heavy scalings. Sides and flanks as in *deserticola*.

**Syrnium occidentale.**—My friend, Mr. E. F. Lane of Azusa, Cal., took a fine female in Little Tejunga Cañon, Cal., in June, 1888. Mr. Herron shot a pair near Banning, Cal., in September, 1895. No less than five specimens were taken in 1894 and 1895 in the cañons back of Pasadena, Cal.

**Icterus parisorum.**—Mr. Herron shot a fine male in Reche Cañon, six miles from San Bernardino, Cal., April 1, 1895.

**Pipilo chlorurus.**—A number of these birds wintered in the low lands along the Santa Ana River near San Bernardino; specimens were taken in January and February by Mr. H. E. Wilder.

**Phainopepla nitens.**—A small flock of these birds also passed the winter in the Santa Ana River bottom.—E. C. THURBER, *Alhambra, Cal.*

**Merrem's Work.**—This is a rare book, which can hardly if at all be found in this country; it is usually quoted at second hand, as in the instance of *Passerella iliaca*, in the new A. O. U. Check-List, where the title is given in German, with the date "1786-87." I handled the Latin edition in London in 1884. The full title and collation are as follows:

1786. MERREM, B.—Avivm | rariorvm et minvs cognitarvm | Icones et Descriptiones | collectae | et e Germanicis Latinae factae | a Blasio Merrem, | Ph. D. Phys. et Math. in Reg. Dvisbvrgensi Acad. P. P. O. | Soc. R. Scient. Gotting. Litterar. Commerc. ivncto. | — | Fascicvlvs

<sup>1</sup> See Bulletin Nutt. Orn. Club, V, pp. 236-37.

Primvs [Secvndvs]. | — | Lipsiae, | ex bibliopolio Io. Godofr. Mülleri-  
ano CIO DCCCLXXXVI. 1 vol. folio. Title 1 l.; dedication backed by  
preface, 1 l., pp. 1-20, 1 l. (title of Fasc. II), 21-45, pll. col'd 1-vi, vii-xii.

The work treats extensively of the following birds: *Cotinga rubra*,  
p. 1, pl. 1, fig. 1. *C. cuprea*, p. 5, pl. 1, f. 2. *Gracula nobilis*, p. 7, pl. 2.  
*G. chrysoptera*, p. 10, pl. 3. *Mellisuga coccinea*, p. 14, pl. 4. *Merops*  
*spiza*, p. 16, pl. 5. *Muscicapa ferruginea*, p. 19, pl. 6. *Aquila glaucopis*,  
p. 21, pl. 7. *Lanius atricapillus*, p. 26, pl. 8.—TROGONUM genus, mono-  
graph of, in Linnæan style, pp. 28-36, treating of: *Trogon hæmorrhoida-*  
*lis*, *T. curucui*, p. 33 (pl. 9); *T. strigilatus*, *T. ferrugineus*, p. 34; *T.*  
*flammeus*, *T. viridis*, p. 35.—*Fringilla iliaca*, p. 37, pl. 10. *Penelope iacu-*  
*pema*, p. 39, pl. 11. *P. leucolophos*, p. 43, pl. 12.

The work consists of two fasciculi, separately full-titled and probably  
issued apart; and the title of Fascicvlvs Secvndvs is literally different  
from that of Fascicvlvs Primvs. But both bear the same date, 1786, and  
are bound as one volume in the copy examined in the library of the  
Zoölogical Society. The pagination and numeration of the plates are con-  
tinuous; so that it is not necessary to cite the work by fasciculi. The  
first 20 pages and 6 plates belong in Fasc. I., the rest in Fasc. II.—ELLIOTT  
COUES, *Washington, D. C.*

**Mandt's Inaugural Dissertation.**—This is a scarce tract, which I have  
never seen cited in full, and which is seldom so cited as to give any satis-  
factory idea of what it may be. The following is the title:

Observations in Histo- | riam Naturalem et Ana- | tomiam comparatam  
in | itinere Groenlandico | factae. | — | Dissertatio | In auguralis | quam  
| consensu et auctoritate | gratiosi medicorum ordinis | in | Universitate  
Literaria Berolinensi | ut | summi in medicina et chirurgia | honores rite  
sibi concedantur | die XXII. M. Iulii A. MDCCCXXII | H. L. Q. S. |  
publice defendet | auctor | Martinus Guilelmus Mandt | Beyenburgensis |  
— | [etc., 4 lines.] | — | Formis Brueschckianis. 1 vol., sm. 8vo., 4 prel. ll.,  
pp. 1-40.

A list of birds occupies pp. 3, 4; and on p. 30 is described *Uria mandtii*,  
Licht, sp. n.—ELLIOTT COUES, *Washington, D. C.*

**Correction.**—In the Auk, Vol. XIII, No. 2, for April, page 176, under  
'Abnormal Plumage in a Pine Grosbeak,' "its width having decreased .20  
of an inch" should read "its width having decreased to .20 of an inch."  
On page 178, the paragraph on the Winter Wren, under 'Three Winter  
Notes from Longwood, Massachusetts,' "and on the 25th shot, I think,  
the same bird" should read "and on the 25th of December shot, I think  
the same bird."—REGINALD HEBER HOWE, JR., *Longwood, Mass.*