

often quite extended, dealing with the general habits of the species as well as its nest and eggs. Naturally much space is given to the history of the Bower-birds, with illustrations of their bowers as well as of their nests and eggs. The work is admirable in design, and Mr. North's well-known attainments as an authority on the Australian ornithology is a guaranty of thoroughness in the execution of this great undertaking. — J. A. A.

**Madarász's Birds of Hungary.**<sup>1</sup> — This forms a quarto volume of about 700 pages, illustrated with nine plates, most of them colored, and 170 text figures, mostly of heads and structural details. It is published, unfortunately for English readers, in the Hungarian language, but there is a summary of the work in German, forming nearly one third of the volume. This is a systematic, annotated list of the 364 species authentically recorded as found in Hungary, with a statement of their manner of occurrence and distribution, with references to the main text where they are fully described, with synonymy and other technical details. The work is by a master, and must prove of great convenience and importance to students of the Hungarian ornithology. It is published by the National Museum at Budapest, and is in every way a most creditable example of book-making. It originally appeared in fifteen parts, issued at irregular intervals from October, 1899, to April, 1903. — J. A. A.

**Seth-Smith's Handbook of Parrakeets.** — Parts I-V of this attractive work<sup>2</sup> have appeared during the last year. It relates especially, as the title indicates, to such species as are kept in captivity, and these are very numerous. The external characters of the species are given briefly, with some account of their distribution and habits, but more special reference is made to their habits, hardiness, etc., in captivity, and their proper food and treatment under such artificial conditions. In some cases quite extended accounts are given of their habits in their native wilds. Some five pages are given to the history of our "Carolina Conure," as here called, which, in view of its approaching extermination has a sad interest. The 17 colored plates thus far issued give very satisfactory figures

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<sup>1</sup> A Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum Kiadványa. Magyarország Madarai. A Hazai Madárvilág Megismerésének Vezérfornála. 170 Eredeti szövegrajzzal és 9 Műmelléklettel. Irta Dr. Madarász Gyula. M. N. Múzeumi Igazgató-őr. Anhang: Die Vögel Ungarns auszug in Deutscher Sprache. Budapest, 1899-1903. Ára 40 korona. 4to, pp. xxiv + 666, pl. ix, and 170 text figures.

<sup>2</sup> Parrakeets: being a practical Handbook to those Species kept in Captivity. Royal 8vo, to be completed in 6 parts, with text figures and colored plates. London: R. H. Porter. Price, 6s net per part. Part I, June, 1902, pp. 1-40, 4 pl.; Part II, August, 1902, pp. 41-80, 3 pl.; Part III, Dec., 1902, pp. 81-128, 3 pl.; Part IV, April, 1903, pp. 129-168, 3 pl.; Part V, pp. 169-216, 4 pl.