

Although confessedly imperfect and fragmentary, this contribution to our knowledge of MacGillivray, "the greatest and most original ornithologist of his day," will be welcomed as portraying the main features of his life and character — his unusual gifts and endearing personality.— J. A. A.

**Penard's Birds of Guiana, Volume II.**— As stated in our notice of the first volume (Auk, XXV, Oct., 1908, p. 491), this work<sup>1</sup> is based on first-hand knowledge gained by the authors during a twelve years' residence in Dutch Guiana, and who write of the birds of this interesting country from personal study of them in life. The present volume includes the species from the Toucans to the Thrushes or the Picariæ and Passeres, of which a dozen species are described (some of them tentatively) as new. The general character of the work is stated in our notice of the first volume. We congratulate the authors on the completion of this important contribution to tropical American ornithology, a work which must form a very useful handbook for the residents of Guiana.— J. A. A.

**Hartert's 'Die Vögel der paläarktischen Fauna.' Heft VI.**<sup>2</sup>— Part VI carries the work to the end of the Passeres and completes the first volume, for which is issued with this double part a title-page and index. It contains the last half of the author's Muscipidæ (= Sylviidæ, Timeliidæ, and Turdidæ of authors), the Accentoridæ, Troglodytidæ, and Hirundinidæ, or Nos. 987–1240, beginning with the genus *Turdus*. The table of contents of Volume I occupies pp. xiii–xlix, with which is incorporated as footnotes critical references to the literature bearing on the ornithology of the 'Palæarctic Fauna,' from 1903 to the end of the year 1909. These notes deal with questions of synonymy and nomenclature as well as with the status and relationship of the many forms described since the publication of the first five parts of the 'Fauna.' Among the changes of nomenclature are *Acanthis linaria* in place of *A. flammea*; *Muscicapa hypoleuca* (Pallas, 1764) in place of *M. atricapilla*; *Sylvia cantillans* (Pallas, 1764) in place of *S. subalpina*. Many of the recently described forms are accepted, but a much larger number are consigned to synonymy. Nearly a dozen new subspecies are added in the text and footnotes of the present part, which

<sup>1</sup> De Vogels van | Guyana | (Surinam, Cayenne, en Demerara) | Door | Frederik Paul Penard | en Arthur Philip Penard | — | Tweede Deel | [Design] Uitgave van | Wed. F. P. Penard | Paramaribo — 8vo., pp. 587, with numerous half-tone text illustrations. On the reverse of the title page it is stated that the first part was published in April, 1908, and the second in May, 1910. Neither volume is dated on the title page.

<sup>2</sup> Die Vogel der paläarktischen Fauna. Systematische Übersicht der in Europa, Nord-Asien und der Mittelmeerregion vorkommenden Vögel. Von Dr. Ernst Hartert. Heft VI (Doppelheft). Seite 641–832. Mit 10 Abbildungen. Berlin, Verlag von R. Friedländer und Sohn. Agents in London: Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn. Ausgegeben im Juni 1910.— 8vo., pp. xlii–xlix + 641–834, fig. 125–134. Heft VI, 8s., postage 3d. Vol. I, 28s., postage 1s. 8d.

conforms in general character with its predecessors. The families and genera, as well as the species, comprise in a number of instances several groups that are usually accorded, respectively, independent rank. All the true thrushes, for example, are referred to *Turdus*, and all the true wrens to *Troglodytes*.

In respect to matters of nomenclature, the name *Prunella* properly displaces *Accentor*, and the name of the family becomes Prunellidæ. *Chelidon* Forster replaces (and we fear with good reason) *Hirundo* for the *H. rustica* group, and *Hirundo* is again assigned to the House-Swallow or the *urbica* group. Among the new subspecies we note an Irish race of the Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus hibernicus*), based on specimens from County Cork, Ireland. The British Islands now have two insular races of the *Cinclus cinclus* group, the other being *C. c. britannicus* Tschusi.—J. A. A.

**Ogilvie-Grant's 'A List of British Birds.'**<sup>1</sup>—This list is in tabular form and is admirably arranged to show concisely and at a glance the status of each species as a bird of Great Britain: as to whether it is (1) resident and breeds, (2) a regular summer visitor that breeds, (3) a regular autumn, winter or spring visitor that does not breed, (4) an occasional visitor that formerly bred, or (5) an occasional visitor never known to breed. "When species have not occurred more than six times references are given to the works in which they have been recorded." Species of doubtful record and species artificially introduced are entered in the list in brackets and are not numbered. The species known as British birds number 442. The list is printed with one side of the leaf blank, so that it can be cut up for labelling. The nomenclature is binomial, even in the case of local subspecies; in each such instance, however, the name is followed by the statement, in a separate line, "A sub-species of" (whatever the species may be), or by formulæ like this: "*Parus ater*, Linn." followed by, in a separate line, "The Continental form," and "*Parus britannicus*, Sharpe and Dresser," followed by, in a separate line: "British sub-species of *P. ater*." This may be soothing to the feelings of those who dislike trinomials; but the general disregard of all modern codes of nomenclature, incidentally, throughout the list will not be soothing to those who have regard for correct nomenclature. The desirability thus recognized of explaining the relative status of forms here designated by binomials is an admission of the utility in such cases of the trinomial method.—J. A. A.

**Felger on the Birds of Northwestern Colorado.**<sup>2</sup>—This is a briefly annotated list of 133 species, collected or observed on a scientific expedition

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<sup>1</sup> A List of British Birds showing at a glance the exact status of each species Revised to August 1910 By W. R. Ogilvie-Grant — For labelling specimens or for reference — Witherby & Co., 326, High Holborn, London, W. C. 1910.—8vo, pp. 60. 1s. 6d; postage 2d. extra.

<sup>2</sup> Birds and Mammals of Northwestern Colorado. By A. H. Felger. University Studies of Colorado Museum, Vol. VII, No. 2, pp. 132-146. January, 1910.