

so called is renamed *P. couesi*. *P. griseus* is again subdivided, our Atlantic form being *P. g. stricklandi*, while our Pacific form is *P. g. chilensis*. Taken altogether these parts of Mr. Mathews' work constitute one of the most important contributions to our knowledge of the Procellariiformes that has yet appeared.— W. S.

The Austral Avian Record No. 3.¹— In this number Mr. Mathews discusses the coloration of the head and neck of the Australian Cassowary and some rare publications by S. Diggles on new Australian birds. Another list of additions and corrections to the author's 'Reference List' of the birds of Australia also appears containing twenty-two additional new subspecies.— W. S.

Bryant on The Present and Future Status of the California Valley Quail.²— The investigation reported in this paper shows conclusively that the preservation of this well known game bird is likely to be seriously threatened if present conditions in California continue. The increase in gunners, extension of agriculture and destruction of cover are shown to be the most serious factors.

The issue of 12,500 hunting licenses in southern California in 1910, and the merciless slaughter of Quail by market gunners and others in the past, clearly show where lies the responsibility for the decrease in numbers that Mr. Bryant has reported. All aspects of the question are carefully considered and steps for the furnishing of food and cover, and for limiting the amount of hunting, so that the annual destruction does not exceed the production of young, are recommended.— W. S.

Grinnell's Systematic List of the Birds of California.³— The object of this publication seems to be to present a list of Californian Birds in a sequence which the author regards as representing the most modern ideas of classification — *i. e.* as presented in Knowlton's 'Birds of the World.' As in Mr. Grinnell's previous catalogue, many races described by him but not recognized in the A. O. U. Check-List are included. Useful as the list is in illustrating a modern system of classification it is to be hoped, as a matter of convenience to all American Ornithologists, that it be not followed in future publications of the Cooper Ornithological Club. In faunal lists matters of classification are of secondary importance as compared with the great convenience of uniformity of sequence. Mr. Grinnell's list enumerates 530 species and subspecies, 55 of which are regarded as of casual or accidental occurrence.— W. S.

¹ The Austral Avian Record, Vol. I, No. 3. Witherby & Co., London. June 28, 1912.

² The Present and Future Status of the California Valley Quail. By Harold C. Bryant. The Condor, Vol. XIV, July, 1912, pp. 131-142.

³ A Systematic List of the Birds of California. Pacific Coast Avifauna, No. 8, Cooper Ornithological Club, Hollywood, Cal. August 30, 1912. pp. 1-23.