

These of course are of especial interest to the ornithologist although the whole volume will be interesting reading to all who love the great outdoors. The book is attractively printed and is illustrated by a number of half-tones of characteristic scenery from photographs by the author.— W. S.

Wood on Michigan Birds.¹—Continuing his investigations on the Charity Islands already noticed in these pages,² Mr. Wood was able during July, 1911, to add eight species to his former list and to secure breeding data on 37 species. Notes on 66 species are included in the present paper which are accompanied by 19 half-tones illustrating the physical features of the islands. In another short paper³ Mr. Wood presents notes on sixteen species of rare or unusual occurrence in Michigan.— W. S.

Howell on New Birds from Alabama.⁴—Even the eastern United States seems still able to produce novelties for those who care to make careful comparisons of material from different areas and are content to establish new forms on slight differences. Mr. Howell finds that the Crows of the southern states exclusive of Florida and possibly Georgia, are smaller than either the northern or the Florida race. This form which ranges north to the District of Columbia and southern Illinois he names *Corvus brachyrhynchos paulus*.

A number of Towhees from Alabama differ from the northern form in having the white markings less extensive, while they are distinctly larger than Florida birds. This form is separated as *Pipilo erythrophthalmus canaster* although Mr. Howell is unable as yet to fix the limits of its distribution.— W. S.

Mearns on New African Birds.⁵—In two papers Dr. Mearns adds eleven more forms to the already long list of novelties discovered by him on his two trips to Africa. In the first there are described *Cisticola robusta abaya*, Lake Abaya, Abyssinia; *C. r. tana*, Tana River, British East Africa; *C. subruficapilla bodessa*, Bodessa, Abyssinia; and *C. s. fricki*, White Lake Abaya, Abyssinia, all obtained on the Childs Frick Expedition, and *C.*

¹ The Breeding Birds of the Charity Islands with Additional Notes on the Migrants. By N. A. Wood, Fourteenth Report of the Michigan Academy of Science, 1912. pp. 178–188.

² Auk, 1912, p. 118.

³ Notes on Michigan Birds. By N. A. Wood, Fourteenth Report of the Michigan Academy of Science, 1912, pp. 159–162.

⁴ Descriptions of two New Birds from Alabama. By Arthur H. Howell, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., Vol. XXVI, pp. 199–202, October 23, 1913.

⁵ Descriptions of Six New African Birds. By Edgar A. Mearns, Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 61, No. 11, pp. 1–5, August 30, 1913.

Descriptions of Five New African Weaver-Birds of the Genera Othyphantes, Hypargos, Aidemosyne, and Lagonosticta. By Edgar A. Mearns. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 61, No. 14, pp. 1–5. September 20, 1913.