

*macleayi caruleus* subsp. n. by Edwin Ashby; and several notes. We congratulate the Editors of the new journal upon the appearance of the first issue and hope it may have a successful career.—W. S.

**Mullens' 'Guide to Selborne.'**<sup>1</sup>—This little brochure intended originally for the anniversary trip of the British Ornithologists' Club is admirably adapted for the use of any visitor to the historic residence of Gilbert White. The points of interest are mentioned and described just as the visitor would approach them, and one who is familiar with the 'Natural History of Selborne' gets a much clearer idea of the relative position of the various buildings, trees, etc., by reading this guide even if he be not fortunate enough to be a visitor. The appended synopsis of Gilbert White's life is an interesting biography and an accurate character sketch of the naturalist.

In this connection we might call attention to another delightful contribution to the same subject which although published some years ago may not be familiar to the readers of 'The Auk', this is 'A Selborne Pilgrimage,' by Dr. Cornelius Weygandt, an associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, which appeared in 'The Atlantic Monthly' for August, 1905.—W. S.

**Sarasin on the Birds of New Caledonia.**<sup>2</sup>—The first part of the zoölogy of Sarasin and Roux's 'Nova Caledonia' consists of the account of the birds of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands by Dr. Fritz Sarasin. Eighty-seven species are listed, together with several subspecies, and a comparative list of the birds of the two island groups is added as well as a list of nine species from the New Hebrides and a good bibliography of 84 titles.

In the main list the following are described as new: *Pseudogerygone flavilateralis lifuensis*, Lifou; *P. rouxi*, Ouvea; *Myiagra caledonica uweaensis*, Ouvea; *M. c. mareensis*, Mare; *Diaphoropterus nævius similimus*, all three Loyalty Isls.; *Zosterops lateralis nigrescens*, Mare and Ouvea; *Merula mareensis larochensis*, Mare; *Aplonis atronitens minor*, Lifou and Ouvea; *Columba hypænochroma uweaensis*, Ouvea; *Porphyrio calvus caledonicus*, New Caledonia.

As imported birds are listed, *Acridotheres tristis*, *Estrilda astrilda* and *Passer domesticus*. Three plates illustrate this important paper.—W. S.

**Hellmayr on the Avifauna of Timor.**<sup>3</sup>—This excellent paper covers all the birds known from the island which comprise 140 species. Among

<sup>1</sup> Guide to Selborne and Synopsis of the Life of Gilbert White. By W. H. Mullens. Bull. of the British Ornithologists' Club, CXC. pp. 1-27. Witherby & Co. 1913. Price 2s. 6d. net.

<sup>2</sup> Die Vögel Neu-Caledoniens und der Loyalty-Inseln. von Dr. Fritz Sarasin. Nova Caledonia, Zoologie, Band I, Heft I. Mit 3 Tafeln in Lithographie und 6 Abbildungen im Text. Wiesbaden. C. W. Kreidels. Verlag. 1913.

<sup>3</sup> Zoologie von Timor. Ergebnisse der unter Leitung von Joh. Wanner im Jahre. 1911 ausgeführten Timor-Expedition Herausgegeben von C. B. Hanfeli I Lieferung. Die Avifauna von Timor von C. E. Hellmayr. Mit einer Farbentafel. January 10, 1914. 4°. pp. 1-112.

these or in the discussions on their relationship we note the following new forms proposed: *Pachycephala orpheus wetterensis*, Wetter Isl.; *Philemon timoriensis pallidiceps*, Wetter Isl.; *Halcyon australasia tringorum*, Roma Isl.; *Trichoglossus hamatodus flavotectus*, Wetter and Roma; *Falco longipennis hanieli* Bonleo, West Timor. The plate illustrates *Dicaeum hanieli* and *Planesticus fumidus schlegelii*.— W. S.

**Elms' 'A Pocket-Book of British Birds' <sup>1</sup> and other 'Handbooks.'**

— This little volume, truly a 'pocket edition,' contains more information on British birds in a compact form than any book with which we are acquainted and would seem to be just the thing for American bird students who visit England and desire to become acquainted with some of the native birds. The information is arranged under clearly indicated headings: haunts, observation, plumage, language, habits, food, nest site, materials, eggs, etc. Messrs. West Newman & Co. have also published a somewhat similar though far less complete book on 'Familiar Indian Birds' <sup>2</sup> by Gordon Dalglish and a larger work on 'Practical Bird-keeping' <sup>3</sup> consisting of reprinted articles from the Avicultural Magazine of 1911-12. This work brings under one cover a vast amount of data concerning the breeding and keeping of wild birds of all sorts, a pastime more widely practiced in England than in America but with many devotees on both sides of the Atlantic.— W. S.

**Miss Keezel's 'Bird Study Note Book.'** <sup>4</sup>— This is a copy book, six and a quarter by eight and a quarter inches, with columns for recording the name, date of arrival, coloration, etc., of each species of bird observed. It will doubtless be helpful to teachers conducting a children's bird class, although many of them will doubtless prefer to use perfectly blank books and rule them according to their own ideas.— W. S.

**Shufeldt, on Extinct Ostrich Birds of the United States.** <sup>5</sup>— A discussion of the relationships of the fossil avian genus *Diatryma*, with numerous quotations from various authorities. The author regards the genus as more nearly related to *Struthio* than to the Gastornithidæ where it has been placed by some writers.— W. S.

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<sup>1</sup> A Pocket-Book of British Birds. By E. F. M. Elms. London, 1906. West, Newman & Co., 54 Hatton Garden. Small 8vo. pp. 1-150. 1906. 2s. 6d.

<sup>2</sup> Familiar Indian Birds. By Gordon Dalglish. 8vo. pp. 1-90. West, Newman & Co. London. 1909.

<sup>3</sup> Practical Bird-Keeping. Edited by J. Lewis Bonhote. West, Newman & Co. London. 1913.

<sup>4</sup> Bird Study Note Book for Intermediate and Grammar School Grades. By Clara Cozad Keezel. Single copies, 27 cents, postpaid. Discount for Quantities. Garnet, Kansas.

<sup>5</sup> Extinct Ostrich Birds of the United States. By Dr. R. W. Shufeldt. Aquila, 1913, pp. 411-422, pls. I-V. (In Hungarian and English).