

and with these, and my knowledge of the bird, I have attempted to compile a work I think he would have approved. . . . I have carried out the story of the wild turkey as if told by Mr. Jordan, as his full notes on the bird enable me to do this."

Mr. Jordan had long been contemplating the publication of a book on the turkey and Mr. McIlhenny's aim has been to carry out his intentions. In this he seems to have been eminently successful and the habits, habitats, and calls of the bird are fully described while methods of hunting and calling the turkey as well as of cooking it, are treated in a manner calculated to interest the sportsman.

Dr. Shufeldt's account of the fossil turkeys is largely reprinted from his recent paper in 'The Auk,' while in his historical account the several races and their ranges are differentiated, and the anatomy and the eggs of the species, the early historic records, and the relation of the wild and domestic forms are discussed.

Much of the contents of the book appeared serially in 'Out Door World and Recreation.'—W. S.

Mathews' 'Birds of Australia.'¹—The fourth volume of Mr. Mathews' work begins with the Anseriformes and the author presents a general review of the classification of these birds and the probable relationship and origin of the various Australian genera. His studies lead him to the recognition "that the hypothesis that the Australian Fauna considered as a whole reached the continent from the north has been rejected by nearly every recent worker in other branches" while he thinks "that all the available evidence points to *Antarctica* as a stepping stone" between South America, New Zealand and Australia. This however, is not necessarily his final view as he promises further consideration of the question, later.

The systematic treatment of the species follows the plan of the other volumes and both text and plates maintain their high standard. No new names appear in this installment.—W. S.

Kuroda's Recent Ornithological Publications.²—Mr. Nagamichi Kuroda has published a number of contributions to ornithology during the past few years. Most of these refer to the birds of Japan but two handsomely printed brochures on the *Anatidæ* cover the species of the world.

¹ The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Vol. IV, Part I, Withersby & Co., 326 High Holborn, W. C. October 6, 1914. pp. 1-80, pl. 200-209.

² Ducks of the World. By N. Kuroda. The Ornithological Society of Japan. 1912. pp. 1-64 + 1-2, 6 plates.

Geese and Swans of the World. By N. Kuroda. The Ornithological Society of Japan, 1913. pp. 1-118 + 1-2, 9 plates.

A Hand List of the Birds of Haneda and Tsurumi near Yokohama. [By N. Kuroda]. August, 1913. pp. 1-11.

Nests and Eggs of Japanese Birds. Including Formosa, Saghalin and Corea. By Nagamichi Kuroda. April 10, 1914. pp. 1-31.