

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird-Lore.¹ Vol. XVI, No. 5. September-October, 1914.

Some Observations on Bird Protection in Germany. By William P. Wharton.— A visit to the estate of Baron von Berlepsch, describing the use of nesting boxes, etc., and the pruning of shrubs so as to produce crotches suitable for nest building.

An Island Home of the American Merganser. By Francis Harper.

Impressions of the Voices of Tropical Birds. V. By Louis Agassiz Fuertes.— Toucans, Cuckoos, Trogons, Motmots, etc., described and figured.

Migration of North American Sparrows includes Worthen's and the Texas Sparrows and the Green-tailed Towhee.

The 'Notes' and Audubon Department are particularly full and instructive. The educational leaflet by H. K. Job describes the Pintail.

Bird-Lore. Vol. XVI, No. 6. November-December, 1914.

Bird Life in Southern Illinois. By Robert Ridgway.— The first of a series of three articles describing his properties and the methods that have been taken to increase wild bird life thereon.

Impressions of the Voices of Tropical Birds. By Louis Agassiz Fuertes.— The concluding installment covering, the Parrots, Guans, Pigeons, etc.

On the Trail of the Evening Grosbeak. By Arthur A. Allen. Studies of the birds at Ithaca, N. Y. February-May, 1914, with a series of remarkably successful photographs.

The Juncos form the subject of the North American Sparrow installment and the educational leaflet treats of the Crow.

The Annual Report of the National Audubon Society (noticed on p. 117) occupies nearly half of this bulky number.

The Condor.² Vol. XVI, No. 5. September-October, 1914.

The Nesting of the Spotted Owl. By Donald R. Dickey — *Strix occidentalis occidentalis* in Ventura, Cal. Excellent illustrations.

Henry W. Marsden. By Louis B. Bishop.— An appreciative obituary.

Notes on a Colony of Tri-colored Redwings. By Joseph Mailliard.

Bird Notes from the Sierra Madre Mountains, southern California. By H. A. Edwards.

A Study of the Status of Certain Island Forms of the Genus *Salpinctes*. By H. S. Swarth.— The treatment of the A. O. U. Check-List endorsed in preference to that of Ridgway. *S. guadeloupeensis proximus* from San Martin Island, L. Cal., is described as new (p. 215).

¹ Organ of the Audubon Societies. Edited by F. M. Chapman. Published by D. Appleton & Co., Harrisburg, Pa. (Bimonthly) \$1 per year.

² Edited for the Cooper Ornithological Club by Joseph Grinnell. Published at The Condor office, First Nat. Bank Building, Hollywood, Cal. (Bimonthly) \$1.50 per year.

A Survey of the Breeding Grounds of Ducks in California in 1914. By H. C. Bryant.—A valuable summary of careful field investigations undertaken in the interest of game conservation. The evidence shows conclusively that the breeding ducks of the State are decreasing owing to the reclamation of marsh lands and excessive shooting.

A Method of Cleaning Skulls and Disarticulated Skeletons. By F. H. Holden.—A valuable taxidermical contribution.

The Wilson Bulletin.¹ Vol. XXVI, No. 3. September, 1914.

The Prothonotary Warbler at Lake Okoboji, Iowa. By T. C. Stephens. Habits of the Old-Squaw (*Harelda hyemalis*) in Jackson Park, Chicago. By Edwin D. Hull.

The Kentucky Warbler in Columbiana County [Ohio]. By H. W. Wersgerber.

Spring Migration (1914) at Houston, Texas. By George Finlay Simmons.

The Pine Siskin Breeding in Iowa. By W. J. Hayward and T. C. Stephens.

The Oölogist.² Vol. XXXII, No. 9. September 15, 1914.

Fall Migration of the Olive-backed Thrush, 1912. By Paul G. Hawes.—While Prof. W. W. Cooke has shown in his various papers that observations at one locality only, throw but little light upon the direction of migration as a whole, and that temperature has but little to do with the problem, nevertheless Mr. Hawes will find that his theory corresponds with the migration route of the Olive-backed Thrush as worked out carefully by Prof. Cooke from abundant data some ten years ago (see Auk, 1905, p. 1). One may be pardoned for wondering how the birds mentioned by Mr. Hawes as flying 150–200 feet overhead without stopping could be positively identified specifically.

The Oölogist. Vol. XXXII, No. 11. November 15, 1914.

A List of Birds Observed in the Big Hole Basin, Montana. By E. R. Forrest.

Blue-Bird.³ Vol. VII, No. 1. October, 1914.

The White Ibis. By O. E. Baynard. Excellent illustrations.

Blue-Bird. Vol. VII, No. 2. November, 1914.

Bird Friends in a City Back Yard. By L. S. Loveland, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Black Vulture. By O. E. Baynard.—In Florida.

The Ibis.⁴ X Series. Vol. II, No. 4. October, 1914.

On *Herodias eulophotes* Swinhoe. By Tom Iredale.

¹ Edited for the Wilson Ornithological Club by Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio. (Quarterly) \$1 per year.

² Edited and published by R. M. Barnes, Lacon, Ill. (Monthly) \$1. per year.

³ A Monthly devoted to Junior Audubon Classes and Nature Study Work Edited by Eugene Swope, 4 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, Ohio. 50 cts. per year.

⁴ Edited for the British Ornithologists' Union by W. L. Sclater. Published by Wm. Wesley and Son, 28 Essex St., Strand, London, W. C. (Quarterly) £ 1. 12s. per year.

Some Remarks on the Subspecies of Crested Larks (*Galerida cristata*) found in Egypt. By M. J. Nicoll.

With the Tropic-birds in Bermuda. By Karl Plath.—Some excellent illustrations and a popular account of this much studied bird.

The Spring Migration at Chinwangtao in North-east Chihli. By J. D. La Touche.—A continuation of the author's studies of bird migration in Northern China published in Bull. B. O. C., XXIX, pp. 124-160.

A Note on the Breeding of the White-rumped Swift (*Micropus pacificus*). By H. L. Cochrane.

Notes on Birds observed in the South Pacific Ocean during a voyage from Sydney to Valparaiso. By C. F. Belcher.

The Birds of Prince's Island. By D. A. Bannerman.—This is the first of five papers covering collections made by the late Boyd Alexander during his last expedition to Africa.

The Gannetry at "The Stack," Orkney Islands. By J. H. Gurney.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club.¹ No. CC. November 4, 1914.

The following are described as new. By Hon. Walter Rothschild: *Casuaris papuanus goodfellowi* (p. 7), Jobi Island. By Messrs. Rothschild and Hartert: *Accipiter (Astur) eudiabolus* (p. 8), Babooni, British New Guinea. By Mr. Ogilvie-Grant from Utakwa River, Snow Mts., Dutch New Guinea; *Oreopsittacus arfaki major* (p. 11); *Neopsittacus muschenbrocki alpinus* (12), and *Psittacella modesta collaris* (p. 13). Also by Mr. Grant; *Alcyon richardsi bougainvillei* (p. 13) and *A. r. aolae* (p. 13) from Bougainville and Guadalcanar, Solomon Isls.

Dr. Hartert describes *Egretta dimorpha* (p. 14), Madagascar; and *Nycticorax cyanocephalus falklandicus* (p. 15), Falkland Islands.

Mr. E. C. Stuart Baker proposes *Trichalopterum erythrolaema woodi* (p. 17), Loi Sing, N. Shan States; *Ixulus flavicollis baileyi* (p. 17), Mishmi Hills; *Ithagene tibetanus* (p. 18), Sela Range above Tavanz and *Tragopan blythi molesworthi* (p. 18), Dangan La, Tibet.

Mr. Claude Grant describes *Pterocles quadricinctus lowei* (p. 19), Renk, White Nile; *Streptopelia senegalensis sokotrae* (p. 19), Hadebu Plain, N. Sokotra and *Poicephalus meyeri naevei* (p. 19), Kahili Valley, Belgian Congo.

Lord Brabourne and Mr. Chubb describe *Buarremon matucanensis*, (p. 20), Matucana, Peru; and *Upucerthia juninensis* (p. 20), Junin, Peru.

British Birds.² Vol. VIII, No. 4. September 1, 1914.

A Report on the Land Rail Inquiry. By H. G. Alexander.

Rüppell's Warbler in Sussex. A New British Bird. By H. W. Ford-Lindsay.

British Birds. Vol. VIII, No. 5. October 1, 1914.

¹ Edited by D. A. Bannerman. Published by Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn, London, W. C. 6s. per year (nine monthly numbers).

² Edited by H. F. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, London, S. W. (Monthly), 10s., 6d. per year.

- Increase and Decrease in Summer Residents. By M. Vaughan.
- British Birds.** Vol. VIII, No. 6. November 2, 1914.
- Cormorants in Norfolk. By Miss E. L. Turner.— Illustrated.
- Avicultural Magazine.**¹ Vol. V, No. 11. September, 1914.
- Notes from the Zoological Gardens [London]. By D. Seth-Smith.
- Glimpses of South American Ornithology. By Lord Brabourne.— Notes on the character of bird-life in various parts of the continent collected during a residence of six years.
- Avicultural Magazine.** Vol. V, No. 12. October, 1914.
- The Rufous-necked Laughing Thrush (*Dryonastes ruficollis*). By D. Seth Smith.— With good color plate.
- Some Canadian Birds. By H. B. Rathborne.— This paper describes the writer's bird observations on a trip through the United States and Canada. Despite the title nearly half of it treats of "Fairview" [= Fairmount] Park, Philadelphia, where the author discovered "a spring in a dell surrounded by brambles" where he was able to observe the habits of Swainson's Warbler, a bird by the way unknown north of the cane brakes of our southern states! It is remarkable how some of our British visitors ignore the A. O. U. Check-List and a full century of American ornithological literature when they come to write up their trips!
- Avicultural Magazine.** Vol. VI, No. 1. November, 1914.
- Bird Keeping in China. By Alex. Hampe.
- The Emu.**² Vol. XIV, Part 2, October, 1914.
- Rarer Birds of the Mallee. By F. E. Howe and T. H. Tregellas.— With photographs of nests including one of the feather-decked nests of the Honey-eater (*Glyciphila albifrons*).
- Bird Life in the National Park, N. S. W. By E. B. Nicholls.— Account and photograph of a Cockatoo reputed to be 117 years old.
- The Emu of King Island. By L. Brazil (translation).
- The South Australian Ornithologist.**³ Vol. I, Part 4. October, 1914.
- Life of Samuel White (continued). By S. A. White.
- The Birds of Kallioota. By A. M. Morgan.
- Reappearance in South Australia of the Swift Lorikeet. By E. Ashby.
- A Long-Lost Bird. By S. A. White — Rediscovery of *Aphelocephala pectoralis*.
- Description of Some Interesting Birds from the Northern Territory. By Edwin Ashby.— *Karua leucomela mayi*, and *Dulciornis alisteri mayi*, (p. 27), subspp. nov. from Union Bore, near Pine Creek, Northern Territory.

¹ Edited by Hubert D. Astley for the Avicultural Society. Published by West, Newman & Co., 54 Hatton Garden, London E. C. (Monthly) 15s. per year.

² Edited for the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union by J. A. Leach and C. Barrett. Published by Walker May & Co., 25 Mackillop St., Melbourne. (Quarterly). Witherby Co., European Agents.

³ Edited for the South Australian Ornithological Association by F. R. Zietz and others. Published quarterly by W. K. Thomas & Co., Adelaide. 8s. per year.

It would save a great deal of future trouble if the author would designate a definite type specimen stating in whose collection it is to be found with date of capture, etc. The description of new forms, like some other things, if worth doing at all is worth doing well.

Bird Notes.¹ September, 1914.

A Sunbird Aviary. By W. T. Page.

A Journey Across the Sierras of Southern California. By W. S. Baily.—The author continues to identify the birds he sees in his own remarkable way which has already been referred to in these columns and in 'The Condor,' XVI, No. 5. The present article is continued in the October number. In it we find *Carpodacus purpureus* breeding in the verandas of buildings in California, while a "Hermit Thrush" (*Hylocichla ustulatus* [sic]) and a remarkable Bank Swallow "*Cotyle erythrogaster*" will prove valuable accessions to our western avifauna!

Bird Notes. October, 1914.

Parrot Finches. By W. T. Page — Color plates of the various species of *Erythrura*.

Aviculture in the Days of Ancient Rome. By Dr. L. Lovell Keays.

Sir William Ingram's Birds of Paradise at Little Tobago. By Per O. Millsum.— Report of the progress of this interesting experiment in acclimatization.

Wild Life. This beautifully illustrated monthly published at 55 Bank Bldg., Kingsway, London, presents some of the most exquisite pictures of wild life to be found anywhere. The series of photographs of Herons, Kingfishes, etc., in recent issues are of particular interest to ornithologists.

The Austral Avian Record.² Vol. II, No. 5. September 24, 1914.

On the Genus name *Mathewsia*. By Tom Iredale.— Preoccupied by *Mathewsia* Sanley, 1868, and *Mathewsena* proposed as a substitute, type *Ardea rubicunda* Perry.

Additions and Corrections to my List of the Birds of Australia. By G. M. Mathews.

Geopelia shufeldti Grant, shown to be a hybrid. By Tom Carter.

New Genera. By G. M. Mathews.— Fourteen proposed mainly for Australian groups. *Alphagygis* is proposed in place of *Gygis* preoccupied by *Gyges*.

Plumage Changes of *Elsayornis melanops*. By G. M. Mathews.

Ornithologische Monatsschrift.³ Vol. XXXIX, No. 7. July, 1914. (In German).

Sixth Annual Report of the Experimental and Model Station for Bird Protection. By Hans Freiherr von Berlepsch.

¹ Edited for the Foreign Bird Society, by Wesley T. Page. Published by J. H. Heustock, Ashbourne, England. (Monthly) 15s. per year.

² Edited by Gregory M. Mathews. Published (at intervals) by Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn, London, W. C. 1s. 6d. per part.

³ Edited by Dr. Carl R. Hennicke for the German Society for Bird Protection. Published by Max Kretschmann, Creutz'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Magdeburg. (Monthly) 8 Marks per year.

Bird Protection in the Prussian Chamber of Deputies.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte.¹ Vol. 22, No. 9. September, 1914. (In German).

The Thrush; a Composer among Birds. By C. Schmitt and H. Stadler.
On Paradise Birds from Keiser Wilhelm's Land, By H. Keysser.

Ornithological Articles in Other Journals.²

Miller, L. H. Bird Remains from the Pleistocene of San Pedro, California. (Bull. Dept. Geol., Univ. of Cal. Publ., VIII, No. 4.) — Species apparently all recent, *Gavia* and *Diomedea* new to American paleontology.

Martin, E. W. The Birds of the Latin Poets. (Leland Stanford Jr. Univ. Publ., series 13.) — Intended “to present in their own words a tolerably full picture of the Roman attitude toward bird-life as reflected in their greatest poets.”

Oberholser, H. C. Four new Birds from Newfoundland. (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXVII.) — *Dryobates pubescens microleucus* (p. 43); *Bubo virginianus neochorus* (p. 46); *Perisoreus canadensis sanfordi* (p. 49) and *Pinicola enucleator eschatosus* (p. 51).

Mearns, E. A. Diagnosis of a New Subspecies of Gambel's Quail from Colorado. (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXVII, July 10, 1914.) — *Lophortyx gambellii sanus* (p. 113), Olathe, Colo.

Riley, J. H. On the Remains of an Apparently Reptilian Character in the Cotingidæ. (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXVII, July 10, 1914.) — An apparently closed pore was found on the back of the tarsus of *Carpodectes* and eleven other genera of the Cotingidæ, considered to be possibly analogous to the femoral pores of reptiles.

Riley, J. H. An Apparently new Sporophila from Ecuador. (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXVII, Oct. 31, 1914.) — *Sporophila incerta* (p. 213), Gualia, Ecuador.

Wetmore, Alex. A New Accipiter from Porto Rico with Notes on the Allied Forms from Cuba and San Domingo. (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXVII, July 10, 1914.) — *Accipiter striatus venator* (p. 119), Cerro Gordo.

Jackson, H. H. T. The Land Vertebrates of Ridgeway Bog, Wisconsin: their Ecological Succession and Source of Ingression. (Bull. Wisc. Nat.

¹ Edited by Dr. A. Reichenow. Published by R. Friedlander & Son, Berlin, 6. Karlstr 11. (Monthly) 6M. per year.

² Some of these journals are received in exchange, others are examined in the library of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. The Editor is under obligations to Mr. J. A. G. Rehn for a list of ornithological articles contained in the accessions to the library from week to week.

The scarcity of articles from the continent of Europe, owing to the war, is noticeable. In this connection it may be mentioned that the records of the Philadelphia Academy library show a decrease of 1000 books and pamphlets received since August 1, 1914, as compared with the same period in 1913.