

short papers of interest to systematists. He calls attention ¹ to the distinctness of the Venezuelan form of *Rhodinocichla rosea* for which the name *vulpina* Hartlaub is available, making four races of this interesting bird. The Arabian Sea Tern, he renames ² *S. repressa* (p. 288), type from Fao, Persian Gulf; the name *albigena*, by which it has been known, proving to be untenable. The record of *Arenaria melanocephala* for India based upon a specimen in the Philadelphia Academy received from Capt. Boys, is challenged ³ by Dr. Hartert as there is no definite proof that it came from India. This point seems to be well taken and the range in the A. O. U. Check-List should be revised accordingly. A study of the European Cormorant ⁴ results in the differentiation of two races—a larger, northern one, *Phalacrocorax carbo carbo* (L.), nesting on rocks, and a smaller, more southern one, *P. c. subcormoranus* (Brehm), nesting mainly on trees. Another paper ⁵ records a number of errors of synonymy and reference in Vol. XXV of the 'British Museum Catalogue.'

In conjunction with Lord Rothschild there is a review of some forms of *Coracina* (*Graucalus* Auct.) from the Solomon Islands. ⁶ *C. welchmani kulambangrae* (p. 289), Kulambangra, and *C. papuensis perpallida* (p. 290), Bougainville, are described as new. A new *Monarcha*, from Rossel Island is also described, ⁷ *M. cinerascens rosselianus* (p. 297).—W. S.

Mearns on *Pardaliparus elegans*. ⁸—This carefully prepared paper adds another to the long series of similar reviews that have resulted from Dr. Mearns' studies of the extensive collections made by him in Africa and the Philippines. His untimely death shortly after the appearance of the present paper, has prevented his personal preparation of the comprehensive report to which these were but preliminary, a loss to science which will ever be deplored. It is to be hoped however, that some one else may complete this work as a fitting memorial to Dr. Mearns.

Seven races of *Pardaliparus elegans* are here differentiated of which *P. e. panayensis* (p. 57), Panay Isl., Philippines; *P. e. guimarasensis* (p. 58), Guimaras Isl., and *P. e. suluensis* (p. 59), Sulu Isl., are described as new.—W. S.

¹ On the Forms of *Rhodinocichla rosea*. By Ernst Hartert. *Novitates Zoologicae*, Vol. XXIII, p. 229. September, 1916.

² What is the Correct Name of the Arabian Sea Tern. By Ernst Hartert. *Ibid.* p. 288.

³ The Alleged Occurrence of *Arenaria melanocephala* (Vig.) in India. By Ernst Hartert. *Ibid.*, pp. 291-292.

⁴ On the European Forms of *Phalacrocorax carbo*. By Ernst Hartert. *Ibid.* pp. 293-295.

⁵ More Erroneous Quotations and Other Errors. By Ernst Hartert. *Ibid.* pp. 295-296.

⁶ On Some Forms of *Coracina* (*Graucalus* Auct.) from the Solomon Islands. By Lord Rothschild and Ernst Hartert. *Ibid.* pp. 289-291.

⁷ A New *Monarcha* from Rossel Island. By Lord Rothschild and Ernst Hartert. *Ibid.* p. 297.

⁸ On the Geographical Forms of the Philippine Elegant Titmouse, *Pardaliparus elegans* (Lesson), with Descriptions of three New Subspecies. *Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.*, Vol. 51, pp. 57-65. October 16, 1916.