

Palæornis and *Conurus*, as adopted in Ridgway's 'Birds of North and Middle America,' are nowhere indicated. — W. S.

Shufeldt on Fossil Birds. — A portion of the right femur of a bird, larger than any now known in North America, which was found in Miocene (Salkehatchie Ooze) formation of the Stone River, South Carolina, is named by Dr. Shufeldt¹ who regards it as related to the Anseres, *Palæochenoides mioceanus* (p. 347).

In another paper² treating of the Bermuda 'bird-caves' he gives a popular summary of a much more comprehensive paper to appear later elsewhere. To this is added an 'Addendum' rather longer than the paper itself, in which new species based upon the bones found in the caves are described. These were intended for the later paper which is now indefinitely postponed, although references to the unpublished plates are here given! Unfortunately in two instances, no definite type specimens are designated in the descriptions and considering the number of species represented in the deposits and the fact that the new forms recently described in 'The Auk' (1916, pp. 194-195), probably represent some of them, serious questions of synonymy are likely to arise, which carelessness systematic work of this sort will further complicate. The new species named by Dr. Shufeldt are *Puffinus mcgalli* (p. 630), *P. parvus* (p. 632) and *Æstrelata vociferans* (p. 633). Measurements are given under only one of the species and while the other descriptions refer in detail to the amount of material described and figured in the unpublished paper, it is questionable whether enough data are here presented to constitute a recognizable description. — W. S.

Peters on a New Swift from Santo Domingo.³ — In working over the collection made in a trip to Santo Domingo during the winter and spring of 1916, in the interests of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Mr. Peters finds the resident Collared Swift much blacker on the sides of the head than birds from Cuba and Jamaica and upon this difference establishes a new race, *Streptoprocne zonaris melanotis* (p. 37). — W. S.

Riley on New Birds from Santo Domingo.⁴ — This paper describes three new birds recently obtained by Dr. William L. Abbott, of Philadelphia on an expedition to Santo Domingo, and presented to the U. S. National Museum. He visited the highlands of the interior where few zoölogical

¹ New Extinct Bird from South Carolina. By R. W. Shufeldt. Geological Magazine (VI) Vol. III, No. 626, pp. 343-347. August, 1916.

² Bird-Caves of the Bermudas. By R. W. Shufeldt. The Ibis. October, 1916. pp. 623-635.

³ A New Swift from Santo Domingo. By James Lee Peters. Proc. N. E. Zool. Club, VI, pp. 37-38, Nov. 23, 1916.

⁴ Three Remarkable New Species of Birds from Santo Domingo. By J. H. Riley. Smithsonian Misc. Collns. 66, No. 15. December 1, 1916, pp. 1-2.