

The Shetland Starling is added at the end of the introductory note and other emendations are made on the cover, all of which will be properly incorporated in an appendix in the last part of the work.

Illustrations are numerous but are intended, as is explained, solely as an aid to identification. They are mainly line cuts of heads, bills and feet, etc., and there is one excellent colored plate of the "juvenile" plumages of various finches.

We shall look forward with interest to the succeeding parts of this important work which should easily become the authoritative book of reference upon the British avifauna.— W. S.

Harris's 'Birds of the Kansas City Region.' — Mr. Harry Harris, already well known to the readers of 'The Auk' through his historical articles on Auduboniana, Harris's Sparrow, etc., has prepared an admirable annotated list of the birds of the vicinity of Kansas City, Mo.,¹ where he has resided for many years. The list treats mainly of Jackson County, Mo., but includes also Clay and Platte Counties in that state as well as Johnson County, Kansas and some notes from other adjacent territory.

Under each species is given a brief general statement of the character of its occurrence and then follows an account of its distribution, migration, etc., and some information upon habits, running sometimes to half a page or even more. At the end is a list of species arranged according to time of occurrence, with migrants in order of their arrival in the spring; and also an excellent bibliography.

Mr. Harris's writings are characterized by their high literary quality and great care in editing, and we only wish that all writers would follow his example in these respects.

The paper is a welcome contribution to the ornithology of a region that has not received much detailed attention in the past and it should do much to stimulate bird study throughout the Kansas City region. As a composition and a piece of printing it may well be taken as a model by those contemplating similar lists.

There is one point which calls for comment and that is the quotation of the names given in the 'Lists of Proposed Changes in the A. O. U. Check-List' which are published each year in 'The Auk,' although the author is to be commended for giving them only as alternates to the names in the last edition of the 'Check-List.' Curiously enough he seems to have entirely misunderstood these lists and quotes the names as "proposed" at the dates on which the lists were published. They are simply changes "proposed" by various writers at various times prior to the issue of the list, but usually during the previous year, and are brought together simply for the convenience of the A. O. U. Committee and others who wish to

¹ Birds of the Kansas City Region, Harry Harris. Transactions of the Academy of Science of St. Louis. Vol. XXIII, No. 8., pp. 219-371. Issued February 27, 1919. With an introduction (pp. 213-218) by Ralph Hoffmann.

investigate problems of nomenclature. Some of them will probably be adopted and many of them rejected. Dr. Oberholser does not "propose" them for adoption but is simply listing them. In the reviewer's opinion we should adopt in our lists of North American birds the nomenclature of the A. O. U. 'Check-List' until a new edition appears, the names we use then have a meaning to those who constitute the great majority of our readers, otherwise they do not. This is, however, an explanation and not a criticism, as Mr. Harris has properly and consistently used the A. O. U. 'Check-List' names as his main headings.— W. S.

Baileys' 'Wild Animals of Glacier National Park.' — This excellent publication¹ of the National Park Service gives us an authoritative account of the birds and mammals of one of the most interesting of the National Parks. Mr. Bailey, Chief Field Naturalist of the Biological Survey, has prepared a most interesting account of the mammals, treating of their habits and distribution, largely from his own extensive experience. The bird portion by Mrs. Bailey, the well known author of the 'Handbook of the Birds of the Western United States,' is equally well done and places the visitor to the park in possession of just the information that he will desire in order to add to the interest of his trip and to place him in the position of knowing which of his observations may be worthy of permanent record. The keys for identification and the numerous half-tone illustrations from the authors' 'Handbook' and the publications of the U. S. Biological Survey, add greatly to the practical value of the report as well as to its attractiveness. The work, however, is much more than an ornithological guidebook, for Mrs. Bailey has consulted all the literature on the region as well as unpublished data and has thus compiled a report that is a valuable contribution to American ornithological literature, reminding one in many respects of the early faunal reports of the Biological Survey published under the direction of her brother, Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

We only hope that the success of this publication may warrant the Government in preparing similar reports upon the fauna of the other National Parks for many of which, curiously enough, we have scarcely any ornithological publications. Such a report as this on the mammals and birds of the Grand Cañon or the Yosemite would be a most welcome volume.— W. S.

Moseley's 'Trees, Stars and Birds.' — This novel little book² has

¹ *Wild Animals of Glacier National Park. The Mammals, with Notes on Physiography and Life Zones.* By Vernon Bailey. *The Birds,* by Florence Merriam Bailey. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington. 1918. Government Printing Office. Svo, pp. 1-210, numerous illustrations. Price 50 cents, apply Supt. Documents, Govt. Printing Office.

² *Trees, Stars and Birds. A Book of Outdoor Science* by Edwin Lincoln Moseley, A. M. Illustrated in colors from paintings by Louis Agassiz Fuertes and with photographs and drawings. World Book Company, Yonkers-on-Hudson, New York, 1919, pp. i-viii + 1-404, + i-xvi, over 300 illustrations. Price, \$1.40.