

of birds' stomachs is the commercial demand for a stuffed specimen." Such statements only serve to illustrate the author's unfamiliarity with this side of his subject. We could never have secured adequate laws for the protection of our birds had we not been able to meet the hard-headed legislators with just the scientific facts that the author criticises, and those laws as he ought to know have stopped the commercializing of stuffed specimens.—W. S.

Recent Papers by Riley.—Mr. J. H. Riley has recently described¹ *Dryonastes grahami* (p. 59) from Szechuan, China, and proposed² a new genus *Orospingus* (p. 61) for *Chlorospingus goeringi* ScI. and Salv. He has also pointed out³ that *Noddi* Desmurs 1847 is the first tenable name for the Inca Tern, that *Grammopsittaca lineola maculata* Ridgway really came from Venezuela and should be called *tigrinus* Souancé³, and that *Anas arcuata* Horsfield is still available for the Tree Duck⁴ to which it has usually been applied, although without consulting all the references it is difficult to follow Mr. Riley's rather involved explanation.³—W. S.

Check List of the Birds of Essex County, Mass.⁵—It is only proper that such an active organization as the Essex County Club should want a field check list of its own and the present little pocket list is the result. It is astonishing to see how many different field check lists there are, and nearly everyone has personal preferences and likewise finds points to criticise in the lists of others.

In the present list we find that with names and dates, etc., all in heavy faced type and printed close together, it is extremely difficult for the eye to separate them and almost impossible for it to carry across to the proper line on the opposite blank page. The probability of getting one's notes opposite the wrong species is so great as to constitute a serious danger. The printing and character of the data, are however, excellent.—W. S.

McGregor and Marshall on Philippine Birds for Boys and Girls.⁶—We are constantly astonished at the spread of the interest in popular bird study but nothing in recent literature has emphasized this fact more

¹ Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, p. 59.

² Ibid. p. 61.

³ Ibid. p. 77.

⁴ Ibid. p. 78.

⁵ Check List of the Birds of Essex County, Massachusetts April, 1922. (12 pp. of list and 12 blank for notes). To be had from the Secretary, 88 Washington Square, Salem, Mass.

⁶ Philippine Birds for Boys and Girls. By Richard C. McGregor and Elizabeth J. Marshall with illustrations by Macario Ligaya. Manila. Bureau of Printing 1922. pp. 1-138.