

and the scrub—and comments on the characteristic birds inhabiting each. The paper will be interesting to the ecologist and invaluable to those studying at the station.—W. S.

Bannerman's 'Birds of Southern Nigeria.'¹—The first part of this paper was reviewed in 'The Auk' for July, 1922. The present installment completes the report and covers the families from Picidae to Phasianidae in the reverse order of Sharpe's 'Hand-List,' with a short supplement to the Passeres. There are apparently no new forms proposed in this part. We congratulate the author upon the completion of what will prove an important work of reference to the student of African birds. In a prefatory note the author explains that the paper is based mainly upon the collections of Mr. Willoughby Lowe at Lagos and Mr. Kemp at several localities, as well as some smaller collections made by others. He has not attempted to list all of the species recorded from within the boundaries of Southern Nigeria as formerly laid down, and states that the species enumerated are "only a tithe of the birds which inhabit that country."—W. S.

Bannerman on African Cuckoos.²—Mr. Bannerman presents a lengthy discussion of the much involved nomenclature of the Emerald and Golden Cuckoos of Africa and confirms Mr. Claude Grant's findings as to their specific names. He places them in different genera however so that the correct names, following his views, will be *Chrysococcyx cupreus* (Shaw) for the yellow-bellied, Emerald, and *Lampromorpha caprius* (Bodd.) for the white-bellied, Golden Cuckoo.

With the latter he associates *L. klassi* (Steph.) and *L. flavigularis* (Shelley) while he recognizes three geographical races of the Emerald Cuckoo.

The problem here discussed is one of those perplexing nomenclatural tangles which can only be settled by adhering strictly to the rules no matter what changes in current usage ensue. So far as we can see from the evidence, Mr. Bannerman's views should be followed.—W. S.

Aves for 1920.³—Ornithologists of the world are once more indebted to Mr. W. L. Slater for compiling the invaluable list of papers and descriptions of new species which constitute the 'Aves' of the 'Zoological Record' for 1920, which has just appeared.

The bird titles this year number 832 and the treatment follows the usual plan; first, a list of the papers by authors; second, a subject index

¹ The Birds of Southern Nigeria. By David A. Bannerman with notes on the Topography of the Country. By Robin Kemp and Willoughby P. Lowe. Revue Zoologique Africaine. Vol. X, Fasc. 2. 1922.

² On the Emerald and Golden Cuckoos of Africa. By David A. Bannerman. Novitates Zoologicae. Vol. XXIX, pp. 413-420, October, 1922.

³ Zoological Record. Vol. LVII, 1920. Aves. By W. L. Slater, August, 1922, pp. 1-66. Price 6 shillings. Printed for the Zoological Society of London, sold at their house in Regents Park, London, N. W. S.