

**Stoner on Bird Banding and Incidental Studies.**<sup>1</sup>—The author calls attention to the fact that in hunting for young birds to band one discovers many things that might escape notice without some definite object in view, and his incidental observations, as in some other similar papers, have really nothing to do with bird banding.

There are notes on nests and young of Black-billed Cuckoo, Kingfisher, Whip-poor-will, etc. Counts of the calls of the Whip-poor-will showed 294, 396 and 446 repetitions with three to five brief intervals. The author also comments on the high mortality of young birds even in localities far removed from man's influence.—W. S.

**Hartert et al on the Birds of Northern Africa.**—Several important papers<sup>2</sup> appeared in Volume XXX of 'Novitates Zoologicae' on the birds of northern Africa. Lord Rothschild and Dr. Hartert have an interesting account of their journey to Algeria in the autumn of 1920 with an annotated list of 58 species.

Dr. Hartert has also an account<sup>3</sup> of his trip to Cyrenaica in the spring of 1922, with a list of 115 species, including those reported by previous visitors to this neglected province, about the bird life of which almost nothing was known until Dr. Festa's visit in 1921.

Dr. Hartert with the assistance of Mr. Jourdain has prepared a list<sup>4</sup> of the birds known to inhabit Morocco based on the collections and records of previous explorers. The list comprises 340 species and subspecies of which *Phalacrocorax graculus riggenbachi* (p. 132) is described as new, from Cape Blanco. A full bibliography completes this valuable paper.—W. S.

**Rothschild on Birds from Yunnan.**—Lord Rothschild presents an annotated list<sup>5</sup> of a second collection received from Mr. George Forrest, which comprised 195 species and was particularly rich in Pheasants and large Woodpeckers.—W. S.

**Mathews' 'The Birds of Australia.'**—Two parts of this work<sup>6</sup> are before us the first of which completes the Sylviidae, treating several species of Grass-wrens (*Magnamytis*), and covers most of the *Artamidae* or Wood Swallows. The latter part completes this family and covers the genera

<sup>1</sup> Bird Banding and Incidental Studies. By Dayton Stoner. Iowa Acad. Sci. vol. XXVIII, 1921. pp. 151-159.

<sup>2</sup> An Ornithological Autumn Journey to Algeria. By Lord Rothschild and Ernest Hartert. Novitates Zoologicae, XXX, pp. 79-88. March, 1923.

<sup>3</sup> On the Birds of Cyrenaica. By Ernst Hartert. Ibid, pp. 1-32.

<sup>4</sup> The Hitherto Known Birds of Morocco. By Ernest Hartert assisted by F. C. R. Jourdain. Ibid, pp. 91-152.

<sup>5</sup> On a Second Collection sent by Mr. George Forrest from N.W. Yunnan. By Lord Rothschild. Novitates Zoologicae, XXX, pp. 33-58, March, 1923.

<sup>6</sup> The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Vol. X, Part 4. March 19, 1923, and Part 5. April 24, 1923. H. F. and G. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, London, W.C.