

**Bannerman and Bates on Birds of Cameroon.**<sup>1</sup>—This paper consists of systematic notes on the birds obtained by Mr. Bates on his journey through the highlands of Cameroon, across into Nigeria almost to Lake Chad and back to the coast by the Niger River; a narrative of which appeared previously in 'The Ibis' forming Part I of the report. The "notes" contain a great deal of valuable information on the distribution and relationship of the species obtained. The Turacos are considered with reference to the new genus *Proturacus* previously proposed and which, while a perfectly typical *Turacus* in coloration differs entirely in the structure of the bill, a case parallel to that of the Cuckoos, *Urococcyx*, *Rhinococcyx* and *Dryococcyx*. There is also a plate of two species of *Mirafra* discovered on the expedition.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Bates, who has returned to Cameroon from England, is preparing a work on the birds of the Cameroon district in which he has made so many notable discoveries.—W. S.

**Lönnberg on Birds from Kansu.**<sup>2</sup>—In this short paper a number of interesting Chinese birds are discussed. The collection upon which the report is based included eighty species and was made for the Royal Natural History Museum at Stockholm by D. Sjölander. The variation in the Bean Goose and the Honey Buzzard are considered at length.—W. S.

**Witherby's 'Check-list of British Birds.'**<sup>3</sup>—This little volume<sup>3</sup> is a check-list compiled from 'The Practical Handbook' and intended to be used for labelling, reference, notes, local lists, etc. It is printed only on the left hand pages so that it may be readily cut up for labelling or the right hand pages used for notes. The nomenclature is brought up to date at the end of 1923; generic and family headings are given; technical names are in italics and vernacular names in heavy faced type immediately below, with a brief statement (covering from one to four lines) of the distribution, to the right. There are 496 forms listed representing 418 species. These are divided as follows: residents 50; occasional breeders 18—making 208 breeding forms; winter visitants 76; of occasional occurrence 229 and extinct 1.

The list seems to be admirably adapted to its purposes and a model for a work of the kind.—W. S.

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<sup>1</sup>On Birds Collected in North-western and Northern Cameroon and Parts of Northern Nigeria. Part II. Systematic Notes. By David A. Bannerman, and George L. Bates. *Ibis*, April, 1924. Pp. 199-277.

<sup>2</sup>Notes on Some Birds from Kansu, China. By Einar Lönnberg, *Ibis*, April, 1924. Pp. 308-328.

<sup>3</sup>A Check-list of British Birds with a short account of the status of each compiled from 'A Practical Handbook of British Birds.' By H. F. Witherby. Pp. 1-78. 1924. Price 3 shillings and 6 pence.