

A good map, two colored plates, several half-tones of scenery and a bibliography complete this excellent report.—W. S.

**Nice's 'The Birds of Oklahoma.'**—This excellent state list<sup>1</sup> places Oklahoma in the lists of States which have thoroughly up-to-date bird lists and there are today but few States that are not so equipped. The annotated list which makes up most of the work includes 361 species and subspecies of which 96 are residents, 117 summer residents, 49 winter visitants, 83 transients and 16 of casual occurrence. There are also 36 species which may be expected to occur, listed separately. The annotations contain many references to publications and to specimens collected and authoritatively identified. The preliminary chapters according to their headings treat of Faunal Areas, Historical Sketch, Changes in Bird Life, Game Laws of Oklahoma, The Economic Value of Birds, and The Attraction and Protection of Birds. There are also a bibliography, a geological map and several views of characteristic scenery.

While the authors deplore the lack of early records of Oklahoma birds the paucity of publications has its advantages since they are largely relieved of the task which falls to most makers of state lists of correcting or repudiating the work of their predecessors. The casual mention of certain species from within the present boundaries of the State by Long's Expedition, Washington Irving, Abert and Woodhouse are the only publications prior to 1900 although a later list by the late Dr. W. W. Cooke deals with observations made in 1883-1884.

The list is carefully compiled and will be welcomed as a work of reference by all faunal ornithologists while it forms an excellent guide book to the college students and young ornithologists who take up a serious study of the birds of their State.—W. S.

**Lincoln's 'Instructions for Banding Birds.'**—Bird-banding is now too well understood to require any explanation or defence and we need only say that this excellent pamphlet<sup>2</sup> by Mr. Lincoln, who is in charge of the bird-banding work of the Biological Survey, furnishes all the instruction and advice that the prospective bird-bander will require, with full descriptions and illustrations of such implements, bands, traps, etc., as are needed in the work. There is also a bibliography of the more important American publications on the subject. It is interesting to note that ten of the nineteen articles listed appeared in 'The Auk.'

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<sup>1</sup> *The Birds of Oklahoma.* By Margaret Morse Nice and Leonard Blaine Nice. University of Oklahoma Bulletin. New Series No. 20, University Studies No. 286, May 15, 1924, pp. 1-122, pls. 1-11.

<sup>2</sup> *Instructions for Banding Birds.* By Frederick C. Lincoln, Assistant Biologist, Division of Biological Investigations, Bureau of Biological Survey. U. S. Dept. Agriculture. Miscellaneous Circular No. 18. Washington, D. C., May, 1924, pp. 1-28. Price 10 cents, to be ordered from Supt. of Documents, Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C.