

Practically all of our familiar birds are represented feeding or nesting, with views of the nest, eggs and young of most of them. Two colored plates by L. A. Fuertes illustrate a number of common land and water birds, also unfortunately crowded, but very skillfully and effectively grouped never-the-less.

Both text and illustrations in this work, contrary to the usual case, are the work of the author and from his own observations, and if the other chapters of 'The Book of Popular Science' measure up to Dr. Allen's standard the book should be well worth while. We heartily commend Dr. Allen's chapters as forming an admirable work of reference for the bird student, and only regret that they are not obtainable as a separate volume such as he has made of his 'separates.'—W. S.

Kirk Swann's 'A Monograph of the Birds of Prey.'—The second part of this beautifully printed work¹ is before us, covering the remainder of the Vultures, the Secretary birds, Caracaras and *Gymnogenes* and most of the Harriers. The treatment follows the plan established in the initial part, especial pains being taken with the synonymy, references, etc.

The three color plates depict (1) two races of *Gymnogenys typicus*; (2) *Circus spilonotus* and *approximans*; and (3) *Climacocercus ruficollis* and *gorilla* all from paintings by Grönvold, while the two photogravures are from photographs of nests of the Hen Harrier and Montague's Harrier.

It seems a little unfortunate that the keys are carried only as far as species, because a bird such as the Marsh Hawk, which is quite generally regarded as a distinct species but which Mr. Swann considers a subspecies of *C. cyaneus*, does not appear in the key at all. As we have frequently maintained, species and subspecies differ only in degree and a monograph should give them similar treatment throughout. This is, however, a minor matter and subspecies are given full consideration in the main text.

We congratulate both author and publisher on what bids fair to be one of the handsomest and most accurate monographs that has appeared in recent years.—W. S.

White's 'Birds of Concord, New Hampshire.'—To the desk of the reviewer, piled high with technical revisions, descriptions of new forms and the usual type of annotated lists, there comes occasionally a work¹ which for carefulness of compilation, perfection of language and literary style, and neatness of typography is a delight to the eye and a relief to the tired brain. Such a work is Mr. F. B. White's little pamphlet on the birds of Concord, New Hampshire.²

¹ A Monograph of the Birds of Prey (Order Accipitres). By H. Kirke Swann, F. Z. S., M. B. O. U. Corresponding Fellow of the Amer. Orn. Union. Illustrated by Plates reproduced in colour from drawings made expressly for this work by H. Grönvold also Coloured Plates of Eggs and Photogravure Plates. London, Wheldon & Wesley, Ltd. 2, 3 and 4, Arthur Street, New Oxford Street, W. C. 2. Part II, January 31, 1925. pp. 53-124, five unnumbered plates. Price 26s. net.

² A Preliminary List of the Birds of Concord, New Hampshire, with notes. By