

"Muscapids," and Honey-eaters as "Meliphagids." The coining of such "vernaculars" in the case of insect groups which have no English equivalents may be excusable but their introduction into the already encumbered nomenclature of ornithology should not be encouraged. Moreover if, according to Mathews, we must now use the family name Melithreptidae, we presume "Meliphagid" would have to become "Melithreptid!"

For the naturalist or traveller about to visit either of the countries here treated this volume will prove both interesting and instructive.—W. S.

Mathews' 'The Birds of Australia.'—The present part¹ of this monumental work completes the eleventh volume, and covers several genera of Honey-eaters (Melithreptidae) which were formerly included in the genus *Ptilotis*. While we note no new subspecies in this part there appears to be a new subgeneric name proposed on page 543—*Territornis* for *Ptilotis albilineata* White, but the name is proposed in such a manner as to leave one in doubt whether it has not been previously published somewhere else.

The author states in the preface that one more volume will finish the work and judging from his 'List' there are about sixty species still to consider. We wish him all speed with the final parts.—W. S.

Fleming on a New Gull.—An examination of specimens of *Larus dominicanus* undertaken by Mr. Fleming, while not sufficiently thorough to determine how many races should be recognized, shows that the form inhabiting the South Shetland Islands is distinct and he therefore names it *L. d. austrinus* (p. 139)² type from Deception Island.—W. S.

Miller and Griscom on New Nicaraguan Birds.—In this paper³ eleven new forms of Nicaraguan birds are described which were obtained by the authors on their expedition to that country in 1917 or by W. B. Richardson in 1908 and 1909.

The new forms belong to the genera: *Nyctiphrynus*, *Abeillia*, *Hylocistetes*, *Pachyrhamphus*, *Patytriccus*, *Mitrephanes*, *Empidonax*, *Myiochanes*, *Myiarchus*, *Heleodytes*, and *Thryothorus*.—W. S.

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¹ The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Vol. XI, Part 9. December 22, 1924.

² A New Form of *Larus dominicanus* Lichtenstein. By J. H. Fleming. Proc. Biological Society, Washington, Vol. 37 pp. 139-140, December 29, 1924.

³ Descriptions of New Birds from Nicaragua. By W. DeW. Miller and Ludlow Griscom. American Museum Novitates, No. 159, Feb. 16, 1925. pp. 1-9.

⁴ Abstract of the Proceedings of the Linnaean Society of New York, For the Four Years Ending March 25, 1924. Nos. 33, 34, 35, containing Notes on the Winter Bird Life of Southwestern Texas. By T. Gilbert Pearson. November 1, 1924, pp. 1-141.