

Herrick on the American Eagle.—In a little pamphlet¹ issued by the Western Reserve University, Dr. Herrick presents a brief account of the life of the Bald Eagle with special reference to the pair at Vermilion, Ohio, condensed from his papers in 'The Auk.' One of the latter² describing nests and nesting habits has also been reprinted in the report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1924.—W. S.

Murphy on Oystercatchers.—In an important paper³ on the genus *Haematopus*, Dr. Murphy adds materially to our knowledge of this group. He settles the status of the bird from the western coast of South America by showing that it is a distinct form which he names *H. palliatus pitanay* (p. 1). He then considers the relationships and distribution of Oystercatchers in general, and finally lists the American species and subspecies, recognizing besides the European bird, which occasionally reaches Greenland, four species, of which *palliatus* is divisible into six races. The author has called our attention to the fact that he has inadvertently credited the subspecies *prattii* to Bangs instead of Maynard.—W. S.

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird-Lore.⁴ XXVII, No. 5. September-October, 1925.

The Birds of Larchmound. By Robert Ridgway.—In 'Bird-Lore' for 1915 the author presented an account of his home at Olney, Illinois, which he had made into a bird sanctuary and now he gives us a resumé of his observations in the past ten years. His summary shows that forty-three species breed on the eight acres while sixty-three winter there. Larchmound, we learn, must now be sold and we earnestly hope that some arrangement may be made to preserve it for future generations as the bird sanctuary that Mr. Ridgway has made of it.

Thrills of an Eastern Ornithologist in the West. By Charles W. Townsend.—Field notes and experiences from Kansas through Arizona to southern California and thence north to Tacoma.

Summer Birds of an Iowa Farmstead. By Fred J. Pierce.

An Adopted Nestling. By Grace C. Meleny.—Chipping Sparrow and young Cowbird.

The Flicker Family. By Christine C. Crowell.—Study of a nesting.

A Ruby-throat Tragedy. By Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pagan.—Eight individuals perished in the cold and snow which prevailed in Pennsylvania on May 25, 1925.

¹ The American Eagle at Vermilion, Ohio on the Shores of Lake Erie. By F. H. Herrick. pp. 1-20.

² Nests and Nesting Habits of the American Eagle. By Francis H. Herrick, from the Smithsonian Report for 1924. pp. 263-278 with 3 plates. 1925.

³ Notes on Certain Species and Races of Oystercatchers. By Robert Cushman Murphy. Contributions from the Brewster-Sanford Collection—4. Amer. Mus. Novitates. No. 194. November 17, 1925. pp. 1-15.

⁴ Editor Frank M. Chapman, address Bird-Lore, Harrisburg, Pa.

Notes on Migration and Plumage of North American birds cover the remainder of the Humming-birds—five species from the southwest.

In the Audubon Department is an article on 'Birds of the Forest.' By Dr. A. A. Allen.

Bird-Lore. XXVII, No. 6. November-December, 1925.

A Year's Friendship with the Canada Jay. By J. B. DeMille.

With the Brownheads in Southern Georgia. By John B. May.—Brown-headed Nuthatch.

The Amenities of a Bird Bander. By Marie A. Commons.

The color plate by Fuertes depicts the four North American Swifts.

Notes from Field and Study, The Season and the School Department are full of interesting and valuable information while 80 pages are given over to the annual report of the National Association of Audubon Societies, which should be read carefully by all interested in bird protection. Every year this summary of work accomplished causes us to marvel at the contrast between the bird study of today and yesterday.

The Condor.¹ XXVII, No. 5. September-October, 1925.

The Birds of Fanning Island, Central Pacific. By Harold Kirby, Jr.—The writer accompanied the Bishop Museum expedition, in 1924, and formed a collection, now in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at Berkeley, Calif., of the birds of the islands which number fourteen species. Good photographs of the nesting birds illustrate the article.

A Report on the Birds of Northwestern Alaska, etc. By A. M. Bailey. (Continued in No. 6.)

The Condor. XXVII, No. 6. November-December, 1925.

Banding Purple Finches in Pasadena. By Harold Michener.—Two hundred and sixty-seven individuals were in the traps 2781 times.

Further Notes on the Flight Performance of the Snipe. By Lionel E. Taylor.—Extracts from the writings of British ornithologists on the subject.

The Hooters of Skyline Ridge. By John M. Edson. Intimate studies of the Sooty Grouse.

Dangers in Bird Banding. By G. D. Sprot.—A very sensible appeal not to dismiss too quickly dangers such as have been suggested by Prof. Rowan ('Auk,' 1925, p. 171), but to consider them with the greatest care and report our experiences. An investigation, he thinks, "might show that the greatest danger of all is the apparently increasing inclination to turn banding into a race game, striving in a childish manner to band more than one's neighbor in all likelihood at the expense of life. To those so inclined," he says, "I should like to put the question: 'Are we Bird Banding, or merely banding birds?'"

¹ Editor, Dr. Joseph Grinnell. Business address, W. Lee Chambers, Box 123, Eagle Rock, Calif.

The Wilson Bulletin.¹ XXXVII, No. 3. September, 1925.

Additional Evidence against the House Wren. By Althea R. Sherman.

Field Studies of the Diurnal Raptores of Eastern and Central Kansas. By Howard K. Gloyd.—Consists mainly of rather lengthy descriptions and keys, and while some field characters are given, most of those cited are only to be recognized when the birds are in hand.

Ten All-day Bird Censuses from Dutchess Co., N. Y. By Maunsell S. Crosby.—The dates range from May 11 to May 30 and the total species observed on a day from 102 to 129. It is interesting to note that 63 of the species were seen on every one of the days, while 23 were seen but once.

Statistics on the House Wren. By O. M. Bryens.—Mr. Bryens is in favor of the House Wren. Mrs. Charles F. Weigle in another paper condemns it.

The Oölogist.² XLII, No. 9. September, 1925.

Golden-winged Warbler Nests. By H. O. Green.

Early Nesting of the Swallow-tailed Kite in Florida. By D. J. Nicholson.

Starling Nesting at Greenwood, S. C. By W. Hahn, Jr.

Bulletin of the Northeastern Bird Banding Association.³ I. No. 4. October, 1925.

Insects that Infest Birds. By C. W. Johnson.

Herring Gulls and Leach's Petrels. By F. H. Allen.—At Matinicus, Me.

Six Days in a Massachusetts Tern Colony. By Charles B. Floyd.—In Chatham Harbor.

Tree Traps. By R. B. Harding.

Notes from a Peterboro, N. H., Banding Station. By Helen G. Whittle.

Numerous notes treat of banding Hummingbirds, returns; and the advisability of banders noting carefully the colors of the soft parts of the birds they handle.

Bulletin of the Eastern Bird Banding Association.⁴ I, No. 1. October, 1924.

Returns of Ducks banded at Ithaca, and record of a Tern banded in New Jersey and captured at Campeche, Mexico.

Bulletin of the Eastern Bird Banding Association. I, No. 2. October, 1925.

This is termed the Song Sparrow Number. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, at Glenolden, Pa., find that none of the Song-Sparrows caught in mid-summer are taken in mid-winter, the summer birds disappearing about August 31 and the winter resident birds leaving in March and April.

Messrs. B. S. Bowditch and R. H. Howland had much the same experi-

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² Editor, R. M. Barnes, Lacon, Ill.

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⁴ Secy. J. A. Gillespie, Glenolden, Pa.

ence at Demarest and Montclair, N. J., although a few seemed to be permanent residents. Horace D. McCann at Paoli, Pa., finds a different lot of individuals in winter and summer. A final summary of all the data is presented by the editor.

Rudyard Boulton and J. T. Nichols also present a method of analyzing bird banding returns, with charts.

The Gull.¹ VII, No. 7 to 9. July to September, 1925.

This little four-page monthly contains notices of the meetings and field trips of the Audubon Society of the Pacific, with lists of species seen in the San Francisco region.

[Illinois] **Audubon Bulletin.**² Summer, 1925.

In this, the organ of the Illinois Audubon Society, are articles on shrubs and berry bearing trees that will attract birds.

Spring Notes at Larchmound. By Robert Ridgway.

An account of the annual outing of the society and numerous notes and quotations, as well as an excellent portrait of Ruthven Deane, for sixteen years president of the society, with an appreciation by Dr. W. H. Osgood.

The Murrelet.³ VI, No. 2. May, 1925.

Nesting of the Great Blue Heron in Eastern Washington. By Russell T. Congdon.

A Study of Bird Stomachs and their Contents. By J. H. Bowles.

Old Squaw, Western Gull and Glaucous Gull in Washington. By Walter P. Taylor.

The Winter Wren's Lodging House. By C. E. Ehinger.

Local Notes.

The Murrelet. VI, No. 3. September, 1925.

Northwestern Horned Owl, in Yakima Co., Wash. By J. A. Sinsel.

Some Observations on Bare Island, B. C. By J. A. Munro.

Nesting of the Western Belted Kingfisher on Puget Sound. By H. J. Maddock.

Many short notes in both numbers and accounts of the society's meetings.

The Ibis.⁴ (12th Series.) I, No. 4. October, 1925.

¹ A. S. Kibbe, 1534 Grove St., Berkeley, Calif.

² 10 So. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

³ This quarterly, the official bulletin of the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society at Seattle, Wash., was at first entirely mimeographed and while the text is still of this character the cover and an occasional page are printed. Whether mimeographed journals are to be regarded as quotably "publications" is open to question, but as many important notes appear only in 'The Murrelet' we list them for the information of our readers. Editor, F. H. Hall, State Museum, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

⁴ Editor, W. L. Sclater, 10 Sloan Court, London, W. 3, England.

On the Birds of North and Central Darfur, etc. By Hubert Lynes. Part VI.

Birds of the Lucheny Plateau, Mlanje, Nyasaland. By Charles F. Belcher.

A Collection of Birds from the Fiji Islands. By Casey A. Wood and Alexander Wetmore.—*Lalage woodi* (p. 845) is described as new by Wetmore and also *Ptilinopus perousii cupidineus* (p. 829) from Tonga Islands.

Recent Investigations on the Colours of Birds' Feathers. By Bernhard Rensch.—A concise review of the recent investigations in the field of bird coloration both pigmental and structural.

Studies on the Courtship and Sexual Life of Birds. V. The Oystercatcher. By J. S. Huxley.

A Contribution to Japanese Ornithology. By N. Takatsukasa and M. U. Hachisuka.—Notes on various species which have been published from time to time in Japanese journals and which are here translated into English.

Some Observations on the Base: Pennulum Ratio and Angular Ratio, of the Barbules of the Primaries in various Groups of Birds. By G. C. Carlisle.—These ratios generally vary according to the affinities of the bird but in some groups the former has been probably modified by special adaptation. The ratios are worked out for a large number of species.

There are obituaries of James Davidson, F. E. Beddard, E. P. Bicknell and Ned Hollister.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club.¹ CCXCIX. November 4, 1925.

There is a new species of *Melanochlora* from China, a *Thalassidroma* from Peru, new forms of *Dryobates*, and *Lalage* from Annam, three of *Aethopyga* from Garhwal, Annam and Manipur, an *Arachnothera* from Tenasserim, a *Ploceus* from the Belgian Congo, a *Barnardius* from Australia three new forms from N. W. Himalayas and two of *Emberiza* from China.

Mr. Sclater proposes a new subgenus *Thomasophantes* for *Sycobius sancti-thomae* and presents a list of fourteen subgenera into which the old genus *Ploceus* may be divided.

Mr. Bunyard has some very interesting notes on the Cuckoo and its egg laying.

British Birds.² XIX, No. 4. September, 1925.

On the Nesting of the Avocet in the Camargue. By William E. Glegg.—With admirable illustrations from photographs.

The Absence of Courtship in the Avocet. By J. S. Huxley.—Besides emphasizing the absence of courtship display the author considered display in other species of shore-birds as well as the so-called "injury feigning" which lures enemies away from the young. This he claims is never

¹ Editor, N. B. Kinnear, Nat. Hist. Mus., So. Kensington, England.

² Editor, H. F. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, London, England.

deliberate feigning and the action in very many cases has no resemblance to that of an injured bird. Some birds, he suggests, have more varied channels than others for the expression of emotion, so that in some, the expression of sexual emotion, anger and solicitude for young are similar, while in others they are very different.

British Birds. XIX, No. 5. October, 1925.

Some Ecological Aspects of British Ornithology. By W. H. Thorpe.—Nine “associations” are listed with several subdivisions, while there is a bibliography of papers relating to the subject.

A Study of the Robin by Means of Marked Birds, Fourth Paper. By J. P. Burkitt.

Notes on the Nesting of the Great Spotted Woodpecker. By J. H. Owen.

British Birds. XIX, No. 6. November, 1925.

Notes on the Summer Habits of the Northern Eider. By Francis A. Montague.—Observations while on the Oxford Arctic Expedition, of 1924, on the coast of Spitsbergen.

Further Notes on the Nesting of the Flamingo and Gull-billed Tern in the Camargue. By William E. Glegg.

Agricultural Magazine.¹ III, Nos. 9, 10 and 11. September, October and November, 1925.

Notes from Rhodesia. By Sydney Porter (Sept., Oct. and Nov.).

Toucans, Barbets and Trogons. By J. Delacour. (Sept.)

Budgerigar Breeding in Toulouse. By J. Bailly-Maitre. (Oct.)

Brinsop Court and Mr. Astley's Collection. (Oct.)

Colies, Cuckoos and Touracous. By J. Delacour. (Nov.)

Oölogists' Record.² V, No. 3. September, 1925.

The Dobrogea. By Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain.—Interesting for comparison with Mr. Kirke Swann's recent booklet (see antea, p. 113).

Notes from the Central Provinces, India. By D. F. S. MacArthur.

Some Experiences of an Oölogist in the Southern Rocky Mountains. By J. K. Jensen.

The Eggs of the Hirundinidae (continued).

The Emu.³ XXV, Part 1. July, 1925.

Australian Crested Penguins. By Tom Iredale and N. W. Cayley.—A systematic review with color plate from a painting by Cayley, a plate of heads and bills, and a map.

Variation in the Yellow-tailed Thornbill. By A. G. Campbell.

The Crow. A Prophetic Bird. By A. H. E. Mattingley.—To illustrate

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² Editor, Kenneth L. Skinner; Publishers, Harrison and Sons, 45 St. Martin's Lane, London, W. C. 2.

³ Editor, W. B. Alexander, 376 Flinders St., Melbourne, Australia.

the different habits of a group of birds in different countries, or the same species in different parts of the same country, we quote the opening paragraph of this paper: "Of the work performed for man in Australia none is more noticeable, though unfortunately but little recognized by us, than that accomplished by our Crows." (!) Generalizations are dangerous and the Crow problem in America, as we have previously maintained, must be considered from the local standpoint.

Do Birds Rear a Second Brood in a Season? By J. N. McGilp.

Visit to an Egret Rookery. By A. S. LeSouef.

Yellowheads and Other birds at Lake Rotorua. By Mrs. P. Moncrieff.

The Camera Craft section presents some admirable photographic reproductions, notably a Brown Thornbill feeding a young of the Fantail Cuckoo several times its size.

The Emu, XXV, Part 2. October, 1925.

Parrot Finches. By G. A. Heuman.—With a colored plate.

The Emu at Home. By D. W. Gaurrodger.—An extremely interesting article illustrated with a number of excellent photographs, some of which show large flocks of the birds. It seems that when conditions have been favorable, Emus increase so that they consume much of the pasture of the cattle, destroy wire fences and spread the prickly pear cactus. As their individual range is limited, however, these conditions are only local and the author strongly and rightly protests against any legislation aimed at their extermination which would be "a national calamity."

The Thornbills of the *Genus Geobasileus*. By A. J. Campbell.—A very careful review.

Ten Months on the Fitzroy River, Northwestern Australia. By F. Lawson Whitlock.—With photographic reproduction of the bower of the Great Bowerbird.

The Adelaide Rosella. By Edwin Ashby.

The Boobook Owl and Tawny Frogmouth. By D. H. Fleay.

Tasmania's Indigenous Birds. By M. S. R. Sharland.—Valuable notes on habits, etc.

The First Report of the Committee on the Distribution and Migration of Australian Birds. By Marc Cohn.

A Review of the Australian Members of the Genus *Zosterops*. By E. Ashby.

The South Australian Ornithologist.¹ VIII, Part 4. October, 1925.

Notes on Tasmanian Bird Life. By Edwin Ashby.

Trip Round the World.—Notes on Sea Birds by the Way. By J. W. Mellor.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie.² 17, No. 196-197. August-September, 1925. [In French.]

¹ J. Sutton, Secty., Fullarton Road, Mitcham, S. Australia.

² 11 Rue du Montparnasse, Paris, France.

A Problem in Ornithological Archaeology. By L. Lavouden.—An attempt to identify the birds described by the ancient Falconers.

A New Subspecies of Alpine Accentor from Algeria. By H. Heim de Balsac.—*Prunella collaris nigricans* (p. 170).

The Alpine Timouse. By H. Houard (continued).

Some Birds of Particular Interest from Algeria and the Sahara. By H. Heim de Balsac.—Some results of a second expedition to these countries, in 1924.

The Migration of the Swift. By P. Madon.

Ixonotus landanae Oust. By A. Menegaux.—Is a synonym of *Chlorophoneus gutturalis* (Mull.).

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie. 17, No. 198. October, 1925. [In French.]

The Heronry of Plancy. By J. de Chavigny.

Study of a Collection of Birds made by M. E. Wagner in the Chaco of Argentina. By A. M. Menegaux.

A New Bird for Lorraine. By Lomont.

The Oölogical Collection of Baron d'Hamonville. By H. de Balsac.

L'Oiseau.¹ VI, No. 5, 6 and 7. May, June and July, 1925. [In French.]

Swifts and Goatsuckers. By M. Legendre. (May.)

Hummingbirds. By J. Delacour. (June.)

In Memory of Hubert D. Astley. By J. Delacour. (June.)

The Aviaries of the Romans. By M. Loyer. (June.)

The Birds of Caudebec-les-Elbeuf. By J. Delacour.—Mme. E. Lecallier's collection. (June.)

Notes from Spain and the South of France. By J. Delacour. (June.)

The Motmots and Bee-eaters. By J. Delacour and M. Legendre. (July.)

The Vultures of the Tarn Gorge. How to Prevent their Disappearance.

By A. Rocheo-Duvigneaud. (July.)

The Rearing of Young Birds taken from the Nest. By M. Legendre. (July.)

Le Gerfaut.² 15, No. 2 and No. 3. [In French.]

Ornithological Observations from May, 1924 to April, 1925. Compiled by Van Havre. (No. 2.)

Some Remarks on Observations on the Birds of the Nieuport Dunes. By Tristan. (No. 2.)

Local notes and correction of an alleged Belgian record of *Larus fuliginosus*. (No. 3.)

Tori.³ IV, No. 20. August, 1925. [In Japanese, with English titles and sometimes a synopsis.]

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² 21 Square Prince Charles, Bruxelles-Laeken, Belgium.

³ Science College, Tokyo Imperial Univ.

- On the Genus *Graphophasianus*. By M. Hachisuka.
- On the Japanese Cormorant. By N. Kuroda.—*Phalacrocorax carbo hanedae* subsp. nov.
- On the Genus *Branta*. By M. Hachisuka.
- Does *Branta bernicla bernicla* migrate to Japan? T. Momiyama.
- On a Specimen of *Pseudotadorna cristata* from Vladivostok. By N. Takatsukasa.
- Notes on *Eurystomus orientalis calonyx* from Kiso, Hondo. By I. Sawahara.
- Notes on *Balaeniceps rex*. By M. Hachisuka.
- Ardea.**¹ XIV, No. 3. October, 1925. [In Dutch.]
- A. A. VanPelt Lechner. Portrait and sketch.
- Excursion to South Wales and to Grassholm, Pembrokeshire. By M. H. A. Staring.
- Notes on North American Birds. By F. E. Blaauw.—In California and eastward along the Canadian Pacific R. R.
- Varia Oologica. By A. A. Van Pelt Lechner.—Various notes on nestings.
- Yearbook of the Netherlands Ornithological Club.**² 15, No. 2. August, 1925. [In Dutch.]
- An Indian Cuckoo. By P. H. Maasdam.—A number of photographic illustrations of the young in a nest of *Orthotomus sepium*.
- On the Breeding Habits of Some Javan Parasitic Cuckoos. By M. Bartels, Jr.
- Ornithologische Beobachter.**³ II, Nos. 10 and 11. [In German.]
- On the Classification of Bird Associations. By U. A. Corti.—An ecological paper, running through both numbers.
- Journal für Ornithologie.**⁴ LXXIII, No. 4. October 1925. [In German.]
- An Investigation of Birds' Nests. By Franz Groebels.
- Color Aberration in Birds. Bernhard Rensch.
- The Birds of the Neuhaldensleben District of Magdeburg. By G. v. Nathusius.
- The Avifauna of the Upper Ems District. By J. Peitzmeier.
- Eighth Report of Bird Watching at the Biological Station at Helgoland. By H. Weigold.
- Contributions to a History of German Ornithology. By E. Stresemann.
- On the Birds of North Kameroun. By H. Grote.
- Experimental Investigation on the Sense of Taste in Birds.—II. By B. Rensch and R. Neunzig.

¹ E. J. Brill, Leiden, Holland.

² Snep & Maris, Zevenbergen, Holland.

³ Zbinden & Huglin, Bern, Switzerland.

⁴ Editor, E. Stresemann, c/o R. Friedländer & Sohn, Berlin NW6, Karlstr. 11.

Another Word on Koenig's Reply in J. f. O. 1925, p. 452. By E. Hartert.—Followed by an article by O. Kleinschmidt on the same subject.

New Forms from Crete. By E. Stresemann and G. Schiebel.—*Fringilla coelebs schiebeli* Stres. (p. 658), *Sylvia melanocephala pasiphæ* Stres. & Schieb. (p. 659), *Muscicapa striata cretica* Schieb. (p. 659).

Ornithologische Monatsberichte.¹ 33, No. 5. September, 1925. [In German.]

On the Distribution of *Dryobates major* and *D. syriacus* in Bulgaria. By Ed. Klein.

Ornithological Letters from Crete. III. By G. Schiebel.

Under the "Short Notes" Stresemann describes *Bernieria tenebrosa* (p. 150) from Madagascar.

Contributions to the Development of Birds.² I, No. 7, September. No. 8, November, 1925. [In German.]

Bastard Eggs. By A. Szielasko. (Both numbers.)

Notes from 'the Mark.' By L. Schuster. (Both numbers.)

Ornithological Articles in Other Journals.³

Macnamara, Charles. The Christmas Bird Census at Arnprior, Ontario. (*Canadian Field Naturalist*, October, 1925.)—Lists for twelve years showing an average of fourteen species, thirty-five species in all.

Munro, J. A. Further Bird Notes from Southern Vancouver Island. (*Canadian Field Naturalist*, October, 1925.)

Munro, J. A. Lead Poisoning in Trumpeter Swans. (*Canadian Field Naturalist*, October, 1925.)—When the Trumpeter Swans, which winter on a reservation in western Canada, returned from the north in October, 1924, the band contained eight adults and eight young. Forced to leave their haunts on account of the ice, they frequented a lake where duck gunning had been in progress and while one was shot, seven died of an affliction, apparently lead poisoning from eating shot. The eight remaining birds when last seen on February 12, 1925, were apparently in good condition.

Munro, J. A. The European Gray Partridge in the Okanagan Valley, B. C. (*Canadian Field Naturalist*, October, 1925.)

Munro, J. A. Bare Island, B. C. (*Canadian Field Naturalist*, October, 1925.)

¹ Editor, E. Stresemann, Bus. Addr. R. Friedländer & Sohn. Berlin. NW6, Karlstr. 11.

² L. Boxberger. Berlin-Zehlendorf Kleinstr. 4.

³ Some of these journals are received in exchange, others are examined in the library of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. The Editor is under obligations to Mr. J. A. G. Rehn for a list of ornithological articles contained in the accessions to the library from week to week.