

*latus* (p. 431). These together with the three Lower California forms, *senicula*, *aripolius* and *albigula*, give us seven races of *P. fuscus* from California and Lower California.—W. S.

In another paper<sup>1</sup> Dr. Grinnell describes a new White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis alexandrae* (p. 405), from the San Pedro Martir region of Lower California.—W. S.

**Laing on Birds of the North Pacific.**—This paper<sup>2</sup> consists of a list of the birds observed and collected on the cruise of H. M. C. S. *Thiepsal* along the coasts of the north Pacific, in 1924, from Vancouver to Bering Island and along the Asiatic coast to Japan. One hundred and twenty-five species are mentioned with critical notes by P. A. Taverner.—W. S.

**Sushkin on Birds of the Russian Altai and N. W. Mongolia.**—The main part of this paper<sup>3</sup> consists of tables showing the distribution of 371 species and subspecies of birds in 22 regions which are represented in vertical columns while the bird names run horizontally. There are also descriptions of twenty-two new forms including a new race of the Herring Gull and one of the Common Tern.

While the text is mainly in Russian the names of the localities in the table are repeated in English and the same thing is done in the case of the diagnoses of new forms. The paper forms a valuable contribution to the ornithology of a little known region.—W. S.

**Mathews 'The Birds of Australia.'**—Part 6, of Vol. XII,<sup>4</sup> completes the accounts of the Weaver Finches and begins those of the Orioles. The species here treated are some of the most brilliantly colored of the Australian birds, including the Gouldian, Crimson and Red-faced Finches.—W. S.

**Wetmore on Fossil Birds from Nebraska.**—Several years ago Dr. Wetmore published an account of some fossil birds obtained by the American Museum of Natural History in the Snake Creek quarries of Nebraska and in the present paper<sup>5</sup> he considers some additional material obtained in 1923. These comprise the metatarsus of a Courlan upon

<sup>1</sup> A New Race of the White-breasted Nuthatch from Lower California. By Joseph Grinnell. Univ. of Calif. Publications in Zool., Vol. 21, No. 15, pp. 405-410. 1926.

<sup>2</sup> Birds Collected and Observed during the Cruise of the *Thiepsal* in the North Pacific, 1924. By Hamilton M. Laing. Museum Bull. No. 40, Victoria Memorial Museum, November, 1925. Price 15cts.

<sup>3</sup> List and distribution of Birds of the Russian Altai and nearest parts of N. W. Mongolia with a Description of New or Imperfectly Known Forms. By Peter P. Sushkin.

<sup>4</sup> The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Vol. XII, Part 6, pp. 225-264, pls. 717-723. March 24, 1926.

<sup>5</sup> Descriptions of Additional Fossil Birds from the Miocene of Nebraska. By Alexander Wetmore. Amer. Museum Novitates. No. 211, March 11, 1926. Pp. 1-5.

which is established a new genus and species, *Aramornis longurio* (p. 1); and the humerus of a parrot described as *Conuropsis fratercula* (p. 3), evidently closely related to the Carolina Parakeet. No fossils of either of the families Aramidæ or Psittacidae have hitherto been found in North America which adds materially to the interest attaching to these specimens.—W. S.

**Dr. Fisher's Bibliography.**—In connection with Dr. A. K. Fisher's seventieth birthday, which fell upon March 21, 1926, Dr. T. S. Palmer and Mr. W. L. McAtee have prepared an exhaustive bibliography<sup>1</sup> of his published papers, which number exactly 150 items, mainly dealing with birds and mammals, and running from 1875 to 1926. The date of publication was very fittingly that of his birthday and the first copies were distributed at the anniversary gathering held at Plummer Island.—W. S.

**Kuroda's Monograph of the Pheasants of Japan.**—This handsomely gotten up work<sup>2</sup> treats of the twelve or more Pheasants found in Japan, Korea and Formosa. Under each species are descriptions in great detail of many specimens illustrating racial and individual variation, while the range of each form is worked out with the greatest care and a bibliography of seventy-two titles completes the valuable text. Of the plates three are from photographs while twelve are from paintings by Messrs. Yokoyama and Kobayashi and are excellently reproduced in colors. Several of them represent the central tail feathers of the closely related races worked out in great detail, while others depict some of the hybrids bred from the Japanese species. Mr. Kuroda recognizes four subspecies of *Phasianus versicolor*, two of *P. colchicus* and five of *P. soemmerringii*, for which he adopts the distinct generic name *Graphophasianus* of Hachisuka. Finally there is the Mikado Pheasant (*Cyanophasis mikado*) of which our author has studied six specimens in his collection from the mountains of Formosa and three living examples in his aviary, together with skins of nine downy young which were hatched there and died. A list of 166 specimens, captured alive or killed, is added, which Mr. Kuroda thinks comprises all specimens so far as known of this rare bird. The work is entirely in English and was printed in Tokyo. It forms a most important contribution to our knowledge of this interesting group of birds.—W. S.

**Bird distributors on Mistletoe in Europe.**—In a very complete monograph<sup>3</sup> of the common European mistletoe (*Viscum album*), Dr. Karl von Tubeuf devotes 35 pages (608–643) to discussion of the role of birds

<sup>1</sup> A List of the Publications of Albert Kenrick Fisher. By T. S. Palmer and W. L. McAtee. Proc. Biol. Soc., Washington, Vol. 39, pp. 21–28. March 21, 1926.

<sup>2</sup> A Monograph of the Pheasants of Japan including Korea and Formosa. By Nagamichi Kuroda, Rigakuhakushi, with twelve colored and three uncoloured plates. Published by the Author Tokyo. [February 11], 1926, pp. 1–43.

<sup>3</sup> Monographie der Mistel, 1923, 832 pp., 35 pls., 181 figs., 5 maps.