

Birds, their Care and Propagation.—The present volume,¹ covering the Passeres, is the first part of a work proposed several years ago and intended to cover the care and breeding of all birds known to have been kept by aviculturists, with some account of the several species. Chapters of the work have appeared each month simultaneously in the 'Avicultural Magazine' and 'L'Oiseau' and these chapters are now gathered together and issued in book form.

Many of the articles are by M. Jean Delacour, chairman of the joint committee of the Société Nationale d'Acclimatation and the Avicultural Society of London which was charged with the preparation of the work. Others are by such well known authorities on aviculture as Butler, Decoux, Legendre, Meade-Waldo, Seth-Smith and Shore-Bailey, each author writing upon the groups with which he has had the greatest experience. The introduction by M. Delacour treats of methods in aviculture, cages, aviaries, parks, etc.—in fact everything that keepers of birds should know.

The illustrations are numerous including all of those appearing in the journals above mentioned and others from some of the chairman's publications as well as photographs of his aviaries and grounds.

The work will prove of the greatest value to all interested in aviculture and will doubtless stimulate others to take up this fascinating pastime which attracts so much attention in England and France.

The present volume is entirely in French and we presume that a similar volume in English is in preparation.—W. S.

Holt and Sutton on South Florida Birds.²—This annotated list of 123 species combines the results of trips by E. G. Holt in January and February, 1924, and by George M. Sutton in March and April of the same year, to practically the same region in southern Florida, including the Royal Palm State Park, 'Gator Lake, Flamingo, Elliot's and Serberling's Keys, Coconut Grove and the Tamiami Trail for fifty miles west of Miami.

The paper consists entirely of field notes and no information is presented as to the extent of the collections obtained or their disposition although Mr. Holt was at the time connected with the Cleveland Museum while Mr. Sutton represented the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh.

The notes on the Wood Ibis colony and incidental remarks on the habits and actions of various species are interesting contributions to the life histories of Florida birds, while the beautiful colored plate of the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow from a painting by Mr. Sutton will give many

¹ Les Oiseaux, leur Entretien, Leur Elevage. Manuel publié sous les auspices de La Société Nationale d'Acclimatation de France et l'Avicultural Society de Londres par un Comité mixte sous la direction de Jean Delacour. Vol. I Passereaux. Paris, Au Siège de la Société: 198, Boulevard Sain-Germain. 1925, pp. 1-384.

² Notes on Birds Observed in Southern Florida. By Ernest G. Holt and George Miksch Sutton. Annals of the Carnegie Museum, XVI, No. 3-4, 1926, issued April 10, 1926, pp. 409-439, pl. XXXIX-XLIV.