

ornithologists an opportunity to appreciate the distinctness of this rare species, of which but few will ever see specimens. No mention is made of the locality where this bird was found nor of the number of specimens obtained for obvious reasons. There are other illustrations from photographs which add to the interest of the publication.—W. S.

**La Touche's Handbook of the Birds of East China.**—Part III of this work<sup>1</sup> maintains the high standard of the previous installments and covers the families Pericrocotidae, Artamidae, Dicruridae, Sylviidae, Regulidae, Oriolidae, Eulabetidae, and Sturnidae. We note but one new form described in the present part, *Cisticola exilis courtoisi* (p. 237) from South Yunnan, but as usual there is much valuable comment on the relationship and distribution of the various species.

Some of the groups here covered are difficult ones, notably the Sylviidae, and the full descriptions of the plumages of the 57 forms which occur in East China will be particularly welcome though it seems a pity that the author could not have included a key for their determination instead of referring to available keys in other works, which may not happen to be at the disposal of the reader.

Several photographic reproductions of characteristic scenery illustrate this installment of the work to which is added a valuable sketch map of east China.—W. S.

**Duck Protection.**—We have before us several publications dealing with the necessity for further limitation of the bag limit for game birds and water fowl in the United States as well as with the present abundance of Ducks.

Two of these unfortunately are anonymous and we are therefore in doubt just what weight to attach to them. Why anyone enough interested in game protection to write pamphlets for publication should wish to withhold his name we are at a loss to understand. The first publication<sup>2</sup> issued by "The National Committee of One Hundred" is a strenuous attack upon the present federal bag limit and the policies of the advisory committee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This publication is so full of extravagant statements and black letter type that it gives one the impression that its claims are not capable of presentation in a moderate and more convincing form.

Next there is a dignified pamphlet<sup>3</sup> issued by the National Association of Audubon Societies which purports to give the facts in the case and which puts the whole matter in a different light.

<sup>1</sup> *A Handbook of the Birds of Eastern China.* By J. D. D. La Touche Part III. May, 1926, pp. 193-292, pl. VIII-IX and map. Price 7s. 6d. net per part. Taylor and Francis, Red Lion Court, Fleet St., London, E. C. 4.

<sup>2</sup> *Wasting America's Game Birds.* "National Committee of One Hundred." New York, January 5, 1926. pp. 1-61.

<sup>3</sup> *Federal Power and Duck Bag Limits: Facts.* A Study. National Association of Audubon Societies, Bulletin 6. 1974 Broadway, N. Y. Price 25 cents. 1926.