

plates represent *Urubitornis solitarius* and *Harpyhaliaetus*; *Aquila rapax raptor* and *A. r. culleni*, *Bussarellus nigricollis* and *Buteogallus aequinoctialis*; another figures the eggs of several of the Eagles and still another presents a photogravure of a nest of Bonelli's Eagle.—W. S.

Mathew's 'The Birds of Australia.'—Part 8 of Vol. XII¹ has appeared since our last issue, completing the Bowerbirds, and leaving only the Paradise Birds and the Crows and Crow Shrikes to complete the work.—W. S.

Dickey and VanRossem on New Pigeons from Salvador.²—A recent expedition to Salvador by Mr. A. J. VanRossem resulted in the collecting of a number of birds among which are two new races of Pigeons here described as *Columba fasciata letonai* (p. 109) from Mt. Cacaguatique and *Leptotila fulviventris bangsi* (p. 110) from Volcan San Miguel. All of the specimens are in the collection of Mr. Dickey.—W. S.

Barbour on a Remarkable New Bird from Cuba.—Bird life in the West Indies seem still to hold out possibilities of surprise for the ornithologist. A few years ago we were astonished at Dr. W. L. Abbott's discovery of a Crossbill, allied to the White-winged, in the mountains of San Domingo and now comes Dr. Thomas Barbour with the description of a new Wren from Cuba.³ It is not only a distinct species but constitutes a new genus, unlike anything hitherto known, with wings so short and weak and feathers so soft as to suggest that its powers of flight are very limited.

The bird is an inhabitant of the dense shrubbery of an almost inaccessible part of the Zapata peninsula on the south coast directly across from Matanzas. Here it is in song only in the summer time when torrential rains make the region almost impassable. Dr. Barbour had heard reports of this unknown song and induced Sen. Fermin Z. Cervera to try to identify its author. Through his perseverance five specimens of the bird were finally secured and it is appropriate that it should bear his name both in the specific and generic appellations which Dr. Barbour has given it—*Ferminia cerverai*.—W. S.

Recent Papers by Wetmore.—Pursuing his studies of American fossil birds Dr. Wetmore has recently made a careful examination of *Palaeospiza bella*, the curious unique specimen from the Florissant beds of Colorado,⁴ and finds that, as suggested by Dr. J. A. Allen, its describer,

¹ The Birds of Australia.. By Gregory M. Mathews, Vol. XII, Part 8. September 6, 1926.

² Two New Pigeons from Salvador. By Donald R. Dickey and A. J. Van Rossem. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, 39, pp. 109-110. November 3, 1926.

³ A Remarkable New Bird from Cuba. By Thomas Barbour. Proc. New England Zoological Club. Vol. IX, pp. 73-75. October 21, 1926.

⁴ The Systematic Position of *Palaeospiza bella* Allen, with Observations on Other Fossil Birds. By Alexander Wetmore. Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., Vol. LXVII, No. 2, pp. 183-193, pl. 1-4. May, 1925.