

and Plover, 7 Gulls and Terns, 5 Auks, the Cormorant, 4 Hawks, 2 Owls, 3 Crows and 2 Swallows together with the Starling, Pipit, Wagtail, Redwing and Wheatear and 4 Finches. No less than 30 are European species, while 6 are peculiar to Greenland though merely geographical races of European forms and 37 are common to Europe and northern North America, though more common in the former and of Palaearctic origin. From this summary one is more than ever impressed with the fact that the affiliation of the Greenland fauna, especially that of east Greenland, is distinctly with the Old World.

Dr. Helms has prepared a valuable and interesting report which must be consulted by anyone interested in the arctic fauna. His comments on some of American allies of Greenland birds are however a little amusing as for instance his statement that we might expect the Swan of Greenland to be *Cygnus buccinator* rather than the European race *C. cygnus*. He follows Shiöler in regarding the Snow Bunting and Lapland Longspur of Greenland as peculiar local races, as in the case of the breeding Mallards, which is very interesting if the birds to the east and west of them are identical, as they to all appearances are in the Mallards. It would be worth while to ascertain whether the two forms can be distinguished among the winter visitants to more southern countries.—W. S.

Riley on Birds from Yunnan and Szechwan.—The U. S. National Museum has received a collection of some 1600 birds from the provinces of Yunnan and Szechwan, China, made by Dr. Joseph F. Rock in connection with the explorations of the National Geographical Society during March 1923–February 1924.

Mr. Riley has identified and studied the collection and has described several new forms from it and he now presents a complete report¹ with notes on the plumages and relationship of the 244 species. All of the specimens are listed but there are no field notes.

The paper forms a valuable contribution to the ornithology of an interesting and none too well known portion of China, and those who are interested in following the itinerary of the party are referred to Dr. Rock's interesting papers in the 'National Geographic Magazine' Vol. 46, pp. 473–499 and Vol. 47, pp. 447–492.

Swarth on the Birds and Mammals of the Atlin Region, B. C.²—This is another of Mr. Swarth's admirable reports on the zoology of the Northwest. The expedition described was undertaken through the generosity of Miss Annie Alexander in the interests of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California. While making the investigations alone, so far as the Museum was concerned, Mr. Swarth had

¹ A Collection of Birds from the Provinces of Yunnan and Szechwan, China, made for the National Geographic Society by Dr. Joseph F. Rock. By J. H. Riley. Proc. U. S. Nat. Museum. Vol. 70. Art. 5. pp. 1–70. 1926.

² Report on a Collection of Birds and Mammals from the Atlin Region, Northern British Columbia. By Harry S. Swarth.