

of the twelve forms of Australian Crows admitted by Mathews which Col. Meinertzhagen reduces to two, as well as a detailed summary of variation in 211 Australian Crows that he has examined. There are twelve plates depicting the heads of 40 forms of the genus; excellent drawings from numbered specimens in various collections.

Col. Meinertzhagen is to be congratulated upon an admirable contribution to a complicated subject.—W. S.

Rothschild on the Avifauna of Yunnan.—Lord Rothschild's fifth contribution¹ to our knowledge of the birds of the Chinese province of Yunnan comprises not only a list of Forrest's 1925 collection but of all the forms of birds hitherto reported from the Province making an annotated list of no less than 671 species and subspecies, six of which are described as new. In addition there are several discussions of the geographical races of a species which extend beyond the limits of Yunnan, and a list of sixteen species which have been found just across the Red River in Tonkin and will undoubtedly eventually occur in Yunnan.

Lord Rothschild has given us a very helpful list which will be of great aid to those engaged in the study of Chinese birds. We think that he must have confused Dr. Oberholser and Mr. Riley as he refers to the later as "H. C. Riley."

In a short supplementary paper² Lord Rothschild reviews Mr. Riley's report on the Rock collection and lists eleven species there recorded as new to Yunnan.—W. S.

Aves for '1925.'—We are once more indebted to Mr. W. L. Sclater for compiling the 'Aves'³ for the 'Zoological Record.' He has presented a list of 971 titles for the year 1925 and these are rearranged in the usual convenient way under various headings—geographical, subjective, etc., with a systematic list of new species and revisions of groups. We have frequently mentioned that this list is indispensable to the working ornithologist just as other sections of the 'Record' are to other specialists, and have urged all zoologists and scientific institutions to come to the aid of the Zoological Society of London in maintaining the 'Zoological Record' The cost of the yearly volume is 60 shillings while the 'Aves' section may be had for 7s. 6d.

Every active ornithologist should have a complete set of these yearly bibliographies as without them intelligent work is well nigh impossible.—W. S.

¹ On the Avifauna of Yunnan, with Critical Notes. By Lord Rothschild. *Novitates Zoologicae*. Vol. XXXIII, pp. 189-343. December, 1926.

² Supplemental Notes on the Avifauna of Yunnan. Corrections and Criticisms of the Article on the Avifauna of Yunnan, pp. 189-343. By Lord Rothschild, F. R. S. *Novitates Zoologicae*, Vol. XXXIII, pp. 395-400, February, 1927.

³ Aves. By W. L. Sclater. *Zoological Record*, Vol. LXII, for 1925. pp. 1-70. Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London, N. W. 8. Price 7 shillings and six pence. August, 1926.