

good stands of these ant dwellings, and when the trees have grown so large as to furnish not only food but nesting sites for Flickers, this ant can not be expected to flourish."¹

These observations and comment are interesting as showing what birds can do in destroying local colonies of insects even so populous as those of ants; also they are further evidence that ants scarcely deserve the term "specially protected" applied to them by neo-darwinians.—W. L. M.

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird-Lore. XXVIII, No. 6. November–December, 1926.

Friendly Siskins. By Edward Russell Davis.—A remarkable instance of fearlessness.

Bird Photography for Everybody. By A. T. Devoe.—Showing what may be done with a Kodak with portrait attachment.

The Parauque and Poor-will are the subject of the migration and plumage notes, with a color plate by Fuertes.

There is a remarkable record by E. K. and D. Campbell of Chimney Swifts roosting in a dense mass on a tree trunk and an excellent paper on the classification of birds by Dr. A. A. Allen.

The interesting annual report of the National Association of Audubon Societies and the numerous affiliated bird clubs in all parts of the country takes up most of the number.

Bird-Lore. XXIX, No. 1. January–February, 1927.

Bird Haven. By F. M. Chapman.—An account of the Ridgway Wild Life Sanctuary and the plans of the committee for raising the necessary \$35,000 endowment fund.

The Christmas Day bird lists occupy most of this issue but there is an instructive paper by A. A. Allen on Feathers and a pleasing frontispiece by Allan Brooks representing the Ovenbird.

The Condor. XXIX, No. 1. January–February, 1927.

The Surf-bird's Secret. By Joseph Dixon.—A notable paper on the discovery of the nest and eggs of this elusive species in the Mt. McKinley district of Alaska, with excellent photographs of the birds and nest and a color plate by Allan Brooks. The male bird was found to carry on the duties of incubation.

Emargination of the Long Primaries in Relation to Power of Flight and Migration. By C. K. Averill.

Notes on the Location and Construction of the Nest of the Calliope Hummingbird. B. W. Weidemeyer.

Eyeshine in Birds. By A. J. VanRossem.—Eyes of some species show varying shades of red, some pale green and some no color whatever.

¹ Psyche, 33, No. 6, Dec., 1926, p. 145.

Breeding Birds of Scammon's Lagoon, Lower California. By G. Bancroft.—Exceptionally fine photographic illustrations of nests and eggs.

The Birds of Natividad Island, Lower California. By Chester C. Lamb.

New forms are described in the 'Field and Study' section as follows: *Icterus sclateri pustuloides* (p. 76), Volcan San Miguel, Salvador; *Spizella passerina aridula* (p. 81).

The Wilson Bulletin. XXXVIII, No. 4. December, 1926.

A Study of a Nesting of Magnolia Warblers. By Margaret M. Nice.—At Pelham, Mass.

Nesting of the Common Tern at Thousand Islands, Jefferson Co., New York. By Clarence Bretsch.

A Field Trip in the Sierra. By Mrs. H. J. Taylor. At Echo Lake, California.

The Birds of the Choctawhatchee Bay Region of Florida. By W. W. Worthington and W. E. C. Todd.—An annotated list of 160 species.

The Cardinal. II, No. 1. January, 1927.

Our Friend the Cardinal. By Harry C. Oberholser.—A life history of the bird with a pleasing plate from a painting by Sutton.

The John B. Semple Expedition. By W. E. Clyde Todd.—An account of the author's recent exploration of the country lying between Ungava Bay and Hudson Bay.

Robert Ridgway, The Man. By Norman McClintock. With an excellent photograph.

Mr. Christy has recently had some sets of his admirable little journal—the eight numbers constituting Volume I, bound up with an index, in a handsome red binding forming a most attractive book on the bird life of western Pennsylvania.

The Oölogist. XLIII, No. 11. November, 1926.

Bird Island, Great Salt Lake. (No author mentioned.)

The Jamestown, N. Y., Starling Roost. By Russell L. Walp.

Against the Cowbird. By Johnson A. Neff.—A list of nests in which Cowbird's eggs have been found at Marionville, Mo. The scarcity of other birds charged to the Cowbird is obviously due to some other cause as Cowbirds have been laying eggs in other birds nests in various parts of the country for centuries with no apparent effect upon the abundance of the latter, nor has the Cuckoo in England had any effect on the abundance of small birds.

The Oölogist. XLIII, No. 12. December, 1926.

My First Ivory-billed Woodpeckers. By D. J. Nicholson. Seen in Osceola Co., February 1, 1926. The Life History of the Long-Billed Marsh Wren. By R. W. Shufeldt.—With several full page photographs of the nest. (Continued in January.)

The Öbologist. XLIV, No. 1. January, 1927.

Nest of Solitary Sandpiper, Yellow-legs and Buffle-head Duck. By Walter Raine.—At Little Red Deer River, Alberta.

Snowy Owls Numerous. By C. H. Richter.

Clay-colored Sparrow at Gary, Ind.

Bulletin of the Northeastern Bird Banding Association. III, No. 1. January, 1927.

The Infestation of Bluebird's Nests by *Protocalliphora*. By C. W. Johnson.

Tree Sparrow Returns and Migration. By W. P. Smith.—The first birds to arrive in the autumn pass on before the winter residents arrive while the latter have all left before the arrivals from farther south come through.

The influence of Groups or Clans as Affecting the Presence of Birds at Banding Stations. By Charles L. Whittle.

The Ibis. (12 series) III, No. 1. January, 1927.

Notes on Some Birds of Cameroon and the Lake Chad Region: their Status and Breeding Times. By G. L. Bates.—Notes on the distribution and molt of many species, with a color plate of a number of eggs. *Scotornis climacurus sclateri* (p. 20) is described as new, from Ngaundere.

On *Oenanthe hispanica*, *Oe. finschii* and *Oe. picata*. By C. B. Ticehurst.

Some Notes on the Birds of Corsica. By W. A. Payn.

Some Notes from Dutch Guiana. By C. G. Young.—List of a few species seen during a four days stay in the country.

A Contribution to the Ornithology of Naples and the Phlegraean Fields. By B. W. Tucker.

On the Anatomy and Systematic Position of *Aechmorhynchus*. By Percy R. Lowe.—This study is based upon a skin and three alcoholic specimens received from the American Museum of Natural History. This rediscovered bird, the anatomy and pterylography of which have never before been worked out, appears to be a specialization of some early stock, now extinct, along the same line of development which has resulted in the Curlews. Dr. Lowe further considers that all of the subfamilies of Scolopacidae should be regarded as derivatives of more ancient and extinct groups and that no one of them is directly ancestral to another.

Short Report of the Second Expedition to French Indo-China. By Jean Delacour, P. Jabouille and Willoughby P. Lowe.—Undertaken in 1925-26. One of the most interesting results was the rediscovery of *Pitta ellioti* known only from the types obtained in 1874 and 1877.

Some Notes on the Birds of Alderney. By W. R. Thompson.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club. CCCIX, Nov. 27, 1926.

M. U. Hachisuka proposed the naming of "mutants" after the manner of subspecies but with the designation "mut." before the trinomial. In

discussion the majority of the members present were opposed to the practice, in which opinion we agree. So far as nomenclature goes we must recognize such names in every case where a true geographical subspecies is concerned and it needlessly complicates synonymy.

The same author described fifteen new subspecies from Borneo, Sumatra, the Malay Peninsula, Philippines, etc. and Mr. Stuart-Baker described four Owls from the Orient, of the genera *Athene*, *Glaucidium* and *Ninox*, while Mr. A. L. Butler proposed a new Hummingbird from the western side of Pichincha, Ecuador, *Eriocnemis söderstromi* (p. 62).

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club. CCCX, Dec. 29, 1926.

Dr. O. Kleinschmidt regards the forms of the genus *Oxyopogon* as a beautiful example of a "Formenkreis."

Messrs. Lowe and Kinnear conclude that *Motacilla alba* and *lugubris* are specifically distinct.

Mr. G. M. Mathews describes as new *Cyrtostomus frenatus hachisukae* (p. 67), Obi Island and *C. f. olivaceus* (p. 68) Goodenough Island.

Mr. M. Hachisuka described five new forms of the genera *Anthreptes*, *Leptocoma*, *Dicaeum* and *Excalfactoria*.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club.—CCCXI. January 31, 1927.

Mr. Stuart-Baker described new forms of *Alcedo* and *Amaurornis* from Ceylon; Mr. N. B. Kinnear a new *Iynx* and *Cyanopica* from Siberia. Mr. H. Whistler, *Gyps indicus jonesi* (p. 74) from Margala Range, Rawal Pindi district. Mr. Hachisuka proposed *Passer italae payni* (p. 76) from Corsica and withdrew four of the "new" forms described in the November issue as they had been previously named by others!

British Birds. XX, No. 7. December, 1926.

Some Breeding Habits of the Lapwing. By R. H. Brown.

Proportions of Male and Female Duck on Tay Estuary, 1910-1925. By H. Boase.

Fledgling Periods of Some British Birds. By T. G. Longstaff and F. C. R. Jourdain.

British Birds, XX, No. 8. January, 1927.

Notes on Alberta Waders Included in the British List. By William Rowan. Part V. Buff-breasted Sandpiper.

The Courtship of the Common Scoter. By Donald Gunn.—*Oidemia nigra nigra*.

British Birds. XX. No. 9. February, 1927.

Notes on Alberta Waders Included in the British List. By William Rowan. Part VI. Dowitcher and Spotted Sandpiper.

Wall-Building Birds. By F. C. R. Jourdain.

The Avicultural Magazine. IV, No. 12. December, 1926.

Mr. Alfred Ezra presents a colored plate and a photograph of the pair

of Pink-headed Ducks (*Rhodonessa caryophyllacea*) which he received a year ago and which are still in robust health in his aviary although they have not bred.

The Avicultural Magazine. V, No. 1. January, 1927.

American Bird Gossip. By James B. Housden.—“The Ivory-billed Woodpecker” which the writer found in Mexico is of course not “*principalis*,” as he states, but another species, *C. imperialis*.

The Avicultural Magazine. V, No. 2. February, 1927.

Notes on the Birds of Mount Selinda. By Sydney Porter. (Concluded.)

The Oölogists' Record. VI, No. 4. December, 1926.

A Nesting Expedition in Esthonia. By R. F. Meiklejohn.

The Emu. XXVI, Part 2. October, 1926.

Habits of the Boobook Owl. By D. H. Fleay.—With a fine series of photographs.

Prince Edward's Lyre-Bird Revisited. By Spencer Roberts.—A most attractively written account of the haunt and habits of this interesting bird, first described in 1921. (Emu, XX, p. 221.)

Mistletoe-Birds as Plant Distributors. By G. A. Heumann.—*Dicaeum hirundinaceum* feeds largely upon mistletoe berries and the seeds encased in a gelatinous substance, the result of digestion in the bird's stomach, are dropped on the tree branches to which they at once adhere and sprout. The writer claims that the seed will grow only when deposited by the bird.

Economic Value of the Stubble Quail. By J. R. Kinghorn.

The Charming Crescent Honeyeater. By D. Dickison.

British and Australian Birds—A Comparison. By H. Wolstenholme.—Winter visitants and transients to which many British species belong are groups practically unknown in Australia. As to song the writer considers that Britain's best singers are common species and more generally heard than Australia's best singers, but they have not the variety of song nor the vocal power of the Australian songsters.

Birds of Cobark, N. S. W. By W. J. Enright and J. Hopson.

Letters still appear on the violations of classical usages in the names adopted in the 'Check List,' “obvious errors of spelling,” “anomalies,” etc. Why will not some ornithologists read the Code of Nomenclature and realize that modern scientific names are not part of classical literature but a system of tags by which we try to let one another know what we are talking about. There are complications enough when we observe the rules but if we abandon them and set up new standards where are we to land?

The South Australian Ornithologist. Vol. VIII, Part 8. October, 1926.

This number is almost entirely taken up with a list of the bird books in the Adelaide libraries.

The South Australian Ornithologist. IX, Part 1. January, 1927.

A Week in the Robe District. By J. Sutton.

A List of Species of Birds seen on Hindmarsh Island, S. A. By Harry H. Newell.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie. No. 211. November 7, 1926. [In French.]

A Journey across Africa from Tunis to Kotonou. By L. Lavauden.—The map shows a revision of Chapin's southern limit of the Palaearctic Fauna. (Completed in the December issue.)

Observations of 1926 on a Colony of banded Swallows (*H. rustica*). With considerations of the return of the young to the Nest and the Domestic Relations of the Bird. By R. d'Abadie.

Contribution to the Ornithology of Northern Algeria. By H. Heim de Balsac.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie. No. 213. January 7, 1927. [In French.]

Concerning the Blue Pie (*Cyanopica cyanea cooki*). By P. Estiot.

The Two Sylvias (*S. atricapilla* and *borin*). By P. Madon.

With this issue the Societe Ornithologique changes its name and scope and becomes the Societe Ornithologique et Mammalogique de France.

L'Oiseau. VII, No. 10. October, 1926. [In French.]

The Birds of Japan. By J. Delacour.

Der Ornithologische Beobachter. XXIV, No. 1. October, 1926 to No. 4, January, 1927. [In German.]

On the Northern Jerfalcons. By A. Hess.—A colored plate of *Falco rusticolus candicans*. (Oct.)

The King Albatross. By L. Kohl.—*Diomedea regia* of Campbell Island. (Oct.)

The Great Storks of Africa. By A. Hess.—Photographs of the Saddle Stork and the Shoebill from Bengt Berg. (Nov.)

Here and There in Egypt and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. By A. Mathey Dupraz. (Dec.)

The First Cock-crow of the Morning as an acquired and transmitted Character. By R. Hottinger. (Jan.)

Journal für Ornithologie. LXXV, No. 1. January, 1927. [In German.]

Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the 'Journal for Ornithologie.'

The 1925 Dobrudscha Expedition. By G. Heinrich.

A Contribution to the Ornithology of East Holstein. By Carl Lunau.

Are the eggs of our Two species of *Certhia* Distinguishable? By R. Schlegel.

On the Feather Abrasion in the Red Linnet. By K. Gornitz.

Remarks on Sunkel's 'Bird Life of Hesse.' By E. Hartert.

The Migrations of the Red-tailed Shrike (Formenkreis *Lanius cristatus*). By E. Stresemann. With maps and bibliography.

Contribution to Our Knowledge of Powder Formation in Birds. By E. Schuz.

Ornological Studies. By F. Groebbles.—On weight and specific gravity.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte. 35, No. 1. January, 1927. [In German.]

The Wooing of the Avocet. By J. S. Huxley.

On the White and Red Musculature in Birds. By O. Heinroth.

On the Formenkreis and Races of *Buphagus*. By H. Grote. *B. africanus megarhynchus* (p. 12), Lake Kivu, *B. erythrorhynchus caffer* (p. 13), Selala River, are described as new.

The Egg of *Struthio camelus spatzi*. By M. Schonwettes.—Discusses the differences in the eggs of the several forms of Ostrich.

Neumann describes four new races of birds from New Guinea and Oceania, of the genera *Aristurus* and *Lalage*.

E. Snethlage describes *Xiphocolaptes franciscanus* (p. 8) from interior of Brazil; and H. Grote (p. 23) proposes *Apalis cinerea granwiki* for *A. c. minor* preoccupied.

Contributions to the Breeding Habits of Birds. III, No. 1. January, 1927. [In German.]

The Breeding time of Birds in Northwestern Africa. By E. Hartert.

Ornithological Results of Two Short Trips to the Balearic and Pityusae Islands. By P. Henrici.

Ardea. XV, No. 3. December, 1926. [In Dutch.]

The Netherlands Blue Heron Colonies in 1925. By G. A. Brouwer.—An extensive paper with maps and bibliography.

Yearbook of the Netherlands Ornithological Club. 16, No. 3. December, 1926. [In Dutch.]

An Extended account of the International Ornithological Congress at Copenhagen with photographic illustrations occupies most of the number.

Danske Fugle. 7, No. 2. [In Danish.] Nearly the entire number is taken up with a report on the migration of Danish Birds of Prey. Sixteen of 23 banded Hen-hawks (*Astur palumbarius*) were retaken in Denmark. Of 172 Sparrow Hawks (*Accipiter nisus*) 45 were reported but only 13 from Denmark the species being largely a migrant. Of 110 Buzzards (*Buteo buteo*) 48 were reported mainly south of Denmark and 34 of the 234 Kestrels (*Falco tinnunculus*).

Ornis Fennica. III, No. 4. 1926. [In Finnish.]

Contains articles on raising Mallard Ducks, on *Clangula hyemalis* and local migration notes.

Tori. V, No. 22. December, 1926. [In Japanese.]

A Nest of *Oreocincla d. aurea* (Plate) with Notes by Y. Okada.

On a Small Collection of Birds from the Riu Kiu Islands. By N. Kuroda
Notes on the Allied Genera of Graphophasianus and their Generic Characters. By M. Hachisuka.

On the Specimens of Birds collected on Quelpart Island, South of Korea. By T. Momiyama.

On an Apparently New Subspecies of *Corvus corone* from Sakhalin. By S. Kumagai.—*C. corone saghalense* (p. 127). There is a figure of the head but the diagnosis is in Japanese.

Stories of the Swans of Europe. By M. Hachisuka.

El Hornero. III, No. 4, August, 1926. [In Spanish.]

The Petrels and Albatrosses of the South Atlantic. By R. Dabbene.—
With maps showing exact locations of occurrence.

List of the Birds of Santa Fe. By A. S. Wilson.

The Common Argentine Names of the Wild Birds of the Republic. By E. L. Arribalzaga.

Birds in South American Folk-Lore. By R. Lehmann-Nitsche.

Pathological Observations on Birds. By C. A. Marelli and F. A. Ubach.

New Species for Argentina and Other Short Notes. By R. Dabbene.

Ornithological Notes. By A. De Winkelried Bertoni.—Migration of Birds in Paraguay, The food of *Anteliodacnis* the nesting of *Chaetura ozyura* etc.

The Murrelet. VIII, No. 1. January, 1927. [Mimeographed.]

Some Relationships of the Parasitic Flatworms of the Birds of the Northwest. By J. E. Guberlet.

Neritas Bay Revisited in 1926. By Stanley G. Jewett.

High Lights of the Past Nesting Season in Georgia. By T. D. Burleigh.

Nisqually Notes for the Autumn of 1926. By E. A. Kitchen.—An annotated list.

Nesting of Townsend's Solitaire. By J. H. Bowles and F. R. Decker.

The Japanese Starling in Vancouver. By W. N. Kelly.

Ornithological Articles in Other Journals.

J. H. S. The Great Skua in Shetland. (*Scottish Naturalist*, November–December, 1926).

Robinson, H. W. The Nesting of the Velvet Scoter, Longtailed Duck and Scaup in Scotland. (*Scottish Naturalist*, November–December, 1926.)