

**Recent Papers by Delacour.**—M. Jean Delacour has recently published an account<sup>1</sup> of the birds of Japan in which he describes his observations during a visit to that country, as he returned from his collecting expedition to French Indo-China. There is a brief account of the wild bird life of the country but the paper is mainly devoted to avicultural matters. The aviaries, cages etc., used by the Japanese are explained and figured and the principal zoological gardens and private and public parks where birds are kept are described.

An account of the long tailed Japanese fowls is also given with details as to their breeding and care. Many excellent half-tones illustrate this interesting pamphlet.

Another paper<sup>2</sup> by the same author deals with the Black-necked Crane (*Megalornis nigricollis*) one of the rarest of the Cranes and next to the American Whooping Crane the nearest to extinction at the present time.

Mr. Delacour has also published a brief resume<sup>3</sup> of his second expedition to French Indo-China.—W. S.

**<sup>1</sup>Bulletin of the International Committee for Bird Protection.**—

This report<sup>4</sup> published by the Committee and copyrighted by the president Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, lists the members of the committee and the societies coöperating with it. This is followed by an outline of the principles of the organization, an account of the activities of the president in visiting the various countries of Europe in the interests of bird protection, as well as the efforts made to stop the present exportation of Tinamous from Argentina and to check the destruction of Bald Eagles in Alaska, where no less than 41000 of these splendid birds have been slaughtered to date. There are also sectional reports from the various countries regarding the status of bird protection. The report is rendered more interesting by the inclusion of photographs of many of the members of the committee.

The International Committee deserves all praise for its work and every encouragement as only by such combined action can many of the problems of bird conservation be solved.—W. S.

**Stresemann on Collocalia brevirostris.**—Dr. Stresemann in a review<sup>5</sup> of this species recognizes twelve subspecies of which *C. brevirostris vulcanorum* (p. 352) is described as new. A complete list of the names

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<sup>1</sup> Les Oiseaux au Japon. By J. Delacour. Revue d'Hist. Nat. Appliquee, Deux. Partie. Vol. VII, No. 8-9-10. 1926. pp. 1-48.

<sup>2</sup> La Grue a Cou Noir. By J. Delacour. *ibid* Vol. VI, No. 9. Sept 1925. pp. 1-4.

<sup>3</sup> Short Report on the Second Expedition to French Indo-China (1925-26). By J. Delacour, P. Jabouille and Willoughby P. Lowe. *Ibis*, January 1927, pp. 132-134.

<sup>4</sup> Bulletin of the International Committee for Bird Protection. Published by the Committee, 1974 Broadway, New York, 1927. pp. 1-52.

<sup>5</sup> Beiträge zur Ornithologie der indo-australischen Region. II. von E. Stresemann. Sonderabdruck aus Mitteilungen aus dem Zoolg. Museum in Berlin. 12. Bd. 2. H. August, 1926. pp. 349-354.