

Jackson's 'Notes on the Game Birds of Kenya and Uganda.'—The discontinuance of Shelley's 'Birds of Africa' before the game birds had been reached, and the lack of any work in English on the habits of these birds in Central Africa were responsible for the preparation of the present work¹. The author has very wisely taken his nomenclature from Scclater's 'Systema Avium Ethiopicum' and his sequence from Sharpe's 'Hand-List' and compiled his descriptions from the 'Catalogue of Birds in the British Museum,' for as he explains the volume is intended more for those "who are admittedly more interested in birds that afford sport and can go into 'the pot' than those of great beauty or scientific interest."

The plan of the work is to give under the heading, reference to the original place of publication (sometimes omitted if the name is as given in Sharpe), to Sharpe's 'Hand List,' Reichenow's 'Vögel Afrikas' and Scclater's 'Systema'; then the description, distribution, list of recorded localities, and notes, the last including the author's personal experiences or quotations from the works of others.

There are many items of interest regarding the life history of the species as well as hunting experiences. In the account of the Tufted Guinea Fowl we learn that there are large tracts of sunbaked ground which are regularly turned up by these birds as if by a rake, but the work is done with the bill not with the feet as generally supposed. The methods employed by natives in trapping the little Harlequin Quail are described in detail and we are told that in early days when these birds were sold to the Arabs, who had to have them alive in order to kill them in their orthodox manner, the natives broke both wings and legs as soon as they were caught to prevent their escape and brought them thus to market tied in bunches. There is also an interesting account of the destruction of weed seed by the Kenya Dove and other species. Many notes of general interest are scattered through the text which is well worthy of careful perusal, especially since there is no index. Of the species and subspecies considered there are 32 Francolins, 4 Quail, 2 Rock Francolins, 8 Guinea Fowl, 3 Hemipodes, 7 Sand Grouse, 26 Pigeons and Doves, 5 Snipe, 7 Bustards and 19 Ducks and Geese. The work is illustrated by 13 colored plates which have apparently previously appeared in the 'Ibis,' 'Proceedings' of the Zoological Society, etc.

The book is handsomely printed on heavy paper and constitutes a valuable work of reference as well as a readable volume for the sportsman.—W. S.

Sutton on the Invasion of Goshawks and Snowy Owls.—Mr. George M. Sutton of the State Game Commission at Harrisburg, Pa. has

¹ Notes on the Game Birds of Kenya and Uganda (Including the Sand-Grouse, Pigeons, Snipe, Bustards, Geese, and Ducks). By Sir Frederick J. Jackson. K. C. M. G., C. B., M. B. O. U., F. Z. S. Fully Illustrated in Colour. London. Williams & Norgate, Ltd., 18, Henrietta St., Covent Garden, W. C. 2. 1926, pp. i-xv + 1-258. Price 25 shillings.