

list. Probably no area in the United States has undergone intensive study by so many notable ornithologists as has the vicinity of Washington and yet we find that an additional species was added to the list in each of the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 so that it would appear that we can never exhaust the ornithology of any district, and that, as Dr. Grinnell has somewhere stated, the potential bird list of any state or district is that of North America!

Miss Cooke is to be congratulated upon a very careful piece of work which will be of the greatest value to the bird students of the District and its environs.—W. S.

Schantz's 'Birds of Illinois.'—Illinois is fortunate in the number of its state bird lists. It is not long since we had the pleasure of noticing the Audubon Society's 'Check-List' by B. T. Gault, and now we have a handy little booklet by O. M. Schantz,¹ published by the State Department of Conservation. It is a list of the birds of the state with technical and English names, the length of each species, mention of several prominent field marks, and an indication of the character of its occurrence. There are in addition numerous illustrations in the form of text cuts which have been borrowed from various sources, some of them, having done service for upwards of fifty years, are nevertheless better than certain of the more modern productions, notably a figure of the Greater Yellow-legs with legs not more than half their proper length.

Unfortunately the figures marked Nighthawk and Whip-poor-will seem both to represent the former species and are likely to still further confuse these birds in the popular mind.

These however are minor slips. There is an excellent introduction, descriptive paragraphs at the head of each family and a closing chapter on the economic value of birds which will do much good, while the attractive colored figure of the Cardinal on the cover will draw the attention of many persons to a perusal of the contents with profit both to the birds and to themselves.—W. S.

Lucanus' 'Rätsel des Vogelzuges.'—Dr. Lucanus has recently issued a third, revised, edition of his little volume on bird migration² reviewed in these columns in 1922. Evidently the work is attracting merited attention and while it still lacks consideration of recent American publications it presents an excellent review of the subject from a European viewpoint. Through such publications as this the ranks of bird banders

¹ Birds of Illinois. By Orpheus Moyer Schantz. Conservation Publication No. 6. State of Illinois Department of Conservation. Springfield, 1928. pp. 1-123 including title page and map but excluding 6 pages of index.

² Die Rätsel des Vogelzuges, Ihre Lösung auf experimentellem Wege durch Luftfahrt und Vogelberingung. Von Friedrich von Lucanus. Dritte, vermehrte und verbesserte Auflage. Mit 4 Textabbildungen und 1 Tafel. Langensalza, Hermann Beyer & Söhne (Beyer & Mann.) 1929. pp. i-x+1-266. Price 8. 40 RM, bound 10 RM.