

Soper's 'A Faunal Investigation of Southern Baffin Island.'—This valuable report¹ is based upon two years' exploration by the author in the interests of the National Museum of Canada from 1924 to 1926. There is an interesting diary covering the itinerary, followed by detailed reports on the mammals and birds. Short reports on the fishes, insects, fungi, pteropoda and fossils, by various authors, complete the volume. Eighty-five species of birds are listed of which sixty-three are water birds. Besides species collected by the author all others recorded from the island are included and there are extracts from the diary of Bernard Hantzsch and from published accounts of Baffin Island birds. The Eskimo names of the birds are given wherever determined.

It is interesting to note the presence of such western species as the Pacific Loon, Steller's Eider and Cassin's Bullfinch (?) occurring with the Greenland Eider, Greenland Redpoll and the Ringed Plover. Dr. R. M. Anderson, in a foot note, records the taking of a nest and eggs of the Greater Snow Goose at Dundas, Devon Island, on June 22, 1923 which is apparently the only breeding record since that of the late Langdon Gibson in north Greenland.

The report is a valuable contribution to the ornithology of a region concerning which our information is very meagre.—W. S.

Reports on Collections of the Whitney South Sea Expedition.—Three papers² based on the extremely rich collections of the Whitney Expedition have recently been published by the American Museum. In the first Dr. Murphy and Mr. Mathews report on the collection of Zosteropidae in which four new subspecies of *Z. flavifrons* are described from the New Hebrides Group, together with *Z. lateralis valuensis* (p. 10) Valua Island; *Z. samoensis* (p. 11) Savaii Island, Samoa Group; and a remarkable form allied to *Woodfordia* which is named *Sanfordia* (gen. nov.) *lacertosa* (p. 13) Santa Cruz Island, Santa Cruz Group.

Another paper is by Dr. Ernst Hartert and consists of notes on the Solomon Islands collection and on specimens from the same group in the Tring Museum. The following are named as new; *Spiloglax roseoaxillaris* (p. 6) Bauro (San Cristobal); *S. jacquinoti eichorni* (p. 7) Choiseul Island; *Guadalcanaria* (gen. nov.) *inexpectata* (p. 8) Guadalcanar, a remarkable Fruit Pigeon allied to *Ptilotis lewini*; *Dicaeum aeneum becki* (p. 9) Guadalcanar; *Zosterops alberti oblita* (p. 10) Guadalcanar; *Z. murphyi* (p. 11) Kulambangra; *Z. splendida* (p. 12) Ganonga, *Mochthopoeus* (gen. nov.) *amoenus* (p. 13) Kulambangra, allied to *Phylloscopus*; *Phylloscopus trivirgatus becki* (p. 13) Guadalcanar; *Pachycephala implicata* (p. 13)

¹ A Faunal Investigation of Southern Baffin Island. By J. Dewey Soper. Bulletin 53, National Museum of Canada. Ottawa, 1928. pp. 1-143. Price 25 cents.

² Birds Collected During the Whitney South Sea Expedition. VII. By Robert Cushman Murphy and Gregory M. Mathews. Amer. Mus. Novit., No. 356. July 2, 1929. pp. 1-14. VIII. By Ernst Hartert, Amer. Mus. Novit. 364, July 29, 1929, pp. 1-19. IX. By R. C. Murphy, Amer. Mus. Novit. 365, July 30, 1929.