

the question that has arisen in working out the status of certain forms. He deserves the hearty thanks of his fellow workers. We note that the author adopts the name Linné in preference to Linnaeus in referring to the founder of binomial nomenclature but the latter seems to have been the original family name while the former only appears later when the honorable title of "Carl von Linné" was conferred upon him. The fact that this was dated back "as of" 1757 does not seem to us to demand any consideration in scientific nomenclature since we do not recognize antedated names except from the year in which they actually appeared. Linnaeus was the name used on the title page of the 'Systema' and should, we think, be adopted.—W. S.

Longstreet's 'Bird Study in Florida.'—This handy little volume¹ has been compiled by the president of the Florida Audubon Society as an aid to beginners in bird study in his state and for those who are making their first acquaintance with Florida birds. We feel that he has succeeded admirably in his undertaking.

We have first a popular review of bird study, the classification of birds, field notes on birds of each of the various orders and families, as an aid to identification, and a field key in which the unknown bird may be run down definitely.

There is also a nominal list of the birds of Florida, 241 species, in the order of the new classification of Wetmore and Miller and finally a fully annotated list of the birds of Daytona Beach, Mr. Longstreet's beautiful "home town," on the Halifax River, in which are given dates of occurrence, character of occurrence, and relative abundance.

Visitors to Florida will find this a most convenient and reliable guide to the bird life of the State.

We congratulate the author on a work well conceived and well carried out.—W. S.

Slater's 'Systema Avium Aethiopicarum.'—Slater's Check List of African birds is completed in a bulky volume² of 618 pages, entirely devoted to the Passeres. The treatment is the same as in the preceding part already noticed in these columns and the nomenclature and ranges seem to have been carefully worked out. The binomial group name is given in heavy type at the head of each group of subspecies as in the 1910 edition of the A. O. U. Check List. In their new edition, however, the A. O. U. Committee has abandoned this practice as they found that it proved more confusing than helpful and the repetition of the specific name in

¹ Bird Study in Florida. By R. J. Longstreet. President of the Florida Audubon Society. Published by the Halifax River Bird Club, Daytona Beach, Florida. 1930, pp. i-xi + 1-183.

² Systema Avium Aethiopicarum. Part II, pp. 305-922; January 11, 1930. By William Lutley Slater, M. A., M. B. O. U. Published and Printed for the British Ornithologists Union by Taylor and Francis, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, London, E. C. 4. Price 21 Shillings.