

A list of species "reported" as occurring in Berks Co. follows the main list among which we note the Ruddy Turnstone "from near Tuckerton"—obviously, we should think, Tuckerton on the coast of New Jersey, a favorite spot for shore-bird gunners in the past. Mr. Poole has done well to keep this list separate from the main text and we doubt whether many of the birds contained in it really came from Berks Co., so easy is it to make mistakes in cases depending upon memory and to get specimens and data confused.

Well prepared lists such as this are of the utmost importance as they form the basis for state and national catalogues and Mr. Poole is to be congratulated upon an excellent contribution to regional ornithology. An excellent half-tone plate of the Barn Owl from a painting by the author appears as a frontispiece.—W. S.

**Wilkinson's 'Shanghai Birds.'**—This attractive volume<sup>1</sup> written and published in Shanghai presents descriptions and brief accounts of the habits of the birds found in the vicinity of the city, with colored plates of most of them from paintings by Grönvold. There are also several introductory chapters on identification, bird "sounds," naming of birds, migration and orientation.

The author is to be congratulated upon his success in producing a book that will prove of the greatest assistance to beginners in the study of oriental ornithology and as a result of its publication the next generation should show a great increase in the number of residents in China able to recognize the bird life about them.

The details under each species are well arranged; first a brief statement to aid in field identification bringing out the most striking characters, then a more detailed description with remarks on habits and times of migration, and finally a description of the nest and eggs.

In discussing migration the author has some original remarks on the possibility of an extra sense in birds "which enables them to communicate with one another over long distances," citing the concerted actions of flocking birds and the success of an individual in locating a flock of its own kind at a distant point.

The book is excellently printed and forms a valuable work of reference on the common birds of China.—W. S.

**Acworth's 'This Bondage.'**<sup>2</sup>—'This Bondage,' is a curious production, partly because it is a thoroughgoing example of special pleading. The main objects of the work, which are not evident in the early chapters,

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<sup>1</sup> *Shanghai Birds. A Study of Bird Life in Shanghai and the Surrounding Districts.* By E. S. Wilkinson. Shanghai North China Daily News and Herald Ltd. 1929. pp. i-xxi + 1-243.

<sup>2</sup> *This Bondage: A Study of the "Migration" of Birds, Insects, and Aircraft, with some reflections on "Evolution" and Relativity.* By Commander Bernard Acworth, D. S. O., R. N. pp. XXIV-229; 6 figs. London (John Murray), 1930. 8 vo.