

is presented. He has also described<sup>1</sup> another race of Winter Wren, *Nannus troglodytes stevensoni* (p. 151) from Amak in the Aleutian Chain.—W. S.

**Friedmann on African Birds.**—Dr. Friedmann has recently described<sup>2</sup> several new races of African birds as follows: *Sheppardia cyornithopsis bangsi* (p. 323) from the Uluguru Mountains, Tanganyika; *Petrophila rufocinerea tenuis* (p. 325) from Mt. Lololokui, Kenya Colony;<sup>3</sup> and *Cossypha heuglini euronota* (p. 327) from Lumbo, Mosambique.<sup>4</sup> Discussions of related forms accompany each description.—W. S.

**Bowen on African Birds.**—Mr. W. W. Bowen in pursuing his studies of the birds collected on the Gray Expedition of the Philadelphia Academy describes as new *Heterotrogon vittatum keniensis* (p. 265)<sup>5</sup> and also the geographical variation in *Poicephalus fuscicapillus*<sup>6</sup> proposing as new *P. f. tanganyikae* (p. 267) from Tanganyika Territory.—W. S.

**Larson on the Osteology of the Road-runner.**—In this paper<sup>7</sup> the author presents an elaborate series of measurements and comparisons which seem to demonstrate that the Pleistocene Road-runner of the La Brea asphalt beds is identical with the bird living in California today, *Geococcyx californicus*, so far as skeletal characters go, and that the peculiar limbs of the bird had been adapted to its mode of life probably at a still more remote time. The paper makes a valuable contribution to avian osteology.—W. S.

**Gorbunoff on Mammals and Birds of Novaya Zemlya.**—This is a report<sup>8</sup> on collections made by the author in the island during the summers of 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1927. Forty-eight species of birds are listed with annotations. There is also a brief supplement to the author's 'Loomeries of Novaya Zemlya (Published in 1925 by the Inst. for Sci. Explor. of the North, in Moscow).

<sup>1</sup> Another New Subspecies of *Nannus troglodytes* from Alaska. By Harry C. Oberholser. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, Vol. 43, pp. 151-152. September 26, 1930.

<sup>2</sup> Notes on *Sheppardia cyornithopsis* with Description of a new race. By Herbert Friedmann. Occas. Papers Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., Vol. 5, pp. 323-324. September 2, 1930.

<sup>3</sup> A Rock Thrush new to Science from Northern Kenya Colony. By Herbert Friedmann. Ibid., pp. 325-326. Same date.

<sup>4</sup> The Forms of the White-browed Robin-Chat, *Cossypha heuglini* Hartlaub. By Herbert Friedmann. Ibid. pp. 327-328. September 2, 1930.

<sup>5</sup> A New Race of *Heterotrogon vittatum* from Mount Kenya. By W. Wedgwood Bowen. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila., Vol. LXXXII, pp. 265-266. October 1, 1930.

<sup>6</sup> Geographical Variation in *Poicephalus fuscicapillus*. By W. Wedgwood Bowen., Ibid., pp. 267-268. October 6, 1930.

<sup>7</sup> Osteology of the California Road-runner Recent and Pleistocene. By Leigh Marian Larson. Univ. Calif. Publ. in Zool., Vol. 32, No. 4, pp. 409-428. January 24, 1930.

<sup>8</sup> Berichte zur Säugetier und Vogelfauna der Nowaja Semlja von G. Gorbunoff, Veröffen. des Inst. zur Erforsch. des Nord., Bd. 40. pp. 171-239.