

that Goshawks and Cooper's Hawks need a measure of control he finds no evidence of depredations by the Snowy Owl during its phenomenal incursion in 1927-8 and places the Great Horned Owl "on the fence" as it does much good. The control of these species as well as of the Crow he says should be governed by local conditions and not by a state-wide law. Unfortunately, as shown by illustrations, taxidermists handled large numbers of both these Owls killed (within the law) for trophies without any regard to economic considerations.

An excellent color plate of winter birds by E. J. Sawyer is a valuable addition to the other illustrations.

Mr. Spiker has produced a good and reliable piece of work and we trust framers of economic legislation in New York will carefully consider his conclusions.—W. S.

**Hachisuka's 'Birds of the Philippine Islands.'**—We have received the first volume<sup>1</sup> of a comprehensive work on the birds of the Philippines (in English) by Hon. Masauji Hachisuka.

This volume "Part I" contains first, an account of the geography and climate of the archipelago with a map illustrating the rainfall; second, an ornithological history of the Philippines containing excellent summaries of the work of all who have studied the bird life, arranged chronologically with lists of the new species described, and third, a detailed account of the author's explorations in Mindanao and those of his colleague Mr. Nahamura. Then there follows a bibliography of Philippine ornithology and the systematic account of the avifauna, of which the present volume contains only the Megapodes and Pheasants. There are numerous excellent plates mainly from photographs of scenery, natives, camps of the author's expeditions, etc., and several plates of birds from drawings or published pictures, with a frontispiece in colors of the Palawan Peacock Pheasant from a painting by Grönvold.

The work is admirably prepared and beautifully printed in royal octavo size ( $10 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$  ins.), and we shall look forward with interest to the appearance of the succeeding parts.—W. S.

**van Rossem on Sonoran Birds.**—Nearly 4000 bird skins from Sonora, mainly collected by J. T. Wright for Mr. Griffing Bancroft, and now incorporated in the Dickey collection at the California Institute of Technology, have been studied by Mr. van Rossem and a number of new forms described from time to time. The present paper<sup>2</sup> is a report upon the entire land bird material (the water birds to be reported upon by Mr. Bancroft), and constitutes one of the most important contributions that has been

<sup>1</sup> The Birds of the Philippine Islands with notes on the Mammal Fauna. By The Hon. Masauji Hachisuka F.Z.S., F.R.G.S. (etc.). Part I. Pages 1-168. H. F. & G. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, London, W. C. 1. March 16, 1931.

<sup>2</sup> Report on a Collection of Land Birds from Sonora. By A. J. van Rossem. Trans. San Diego Soc. Nat. Hist., VI, No. 19, pp. 237-304 with map. April 30, 1931.