

Berlioz's 'La Vie des Oiseaux.'—This little brochure¹ forms a volume of the 'Bibliothèque Générale Illustrée' and consists of a series of popular chapters on birds covering their general characters, morphology, biology, classification, geographic distribution, and utilization by man. There is a series of sixty excellent heliotype plates of birds from life, nests, etc., with explanations giving short accounts of the species illustrated and a brief bibliography of general works dealing with birds in general. The little volume is most attractively printed.—W. S.

Delacour and Jabouille on Birds of the Peracel Islands.—The Paracel Archipelago consists of 36 small islets lying off the coast of French Indo-China. Their avifauna is not numerous in species consisting of four Terns, two Boobies, a Man-o'-war Bird and one land bird, *Zosterops simplex*. These birds are considered at some length in the paper² before us and there are three colored plates depicting the water birds in two groups and the White-eye, also ten plates presenting views of the islands. The report is well gotten up and published in the 'Travaux du Service Océanographique des Pêches de l'Indochine,' a quarto.—W. S.

Bangs and Van Tyne on Birds of Laos and Tonkin.—The present report³ covers the collection made by the Indo-China Division of the Kelley-Roosevelts expedition of the Field Museum, under the leadership of Harold J. Coolidge, Jr. Dr. Josselyn Van Tyne, junior author of the report, was in charge of the bird collecting assisted by Dr. Ralph E. Wheeler and Russell W. Hendee. During the time (February 11–July 7) that the expedition was in Tonkin and Laos, 387 species and subspecies were secured with 33 additional secured near Quang Tri, Annam.

The region covered, comprising the drainage system of the Riviere Noire in Tonkin and the vicinity of Phong Saly and the country west in northern Laos, was almost wholly unknown to zoologists which fact adds much to the value of the collection.

All specimens obtained are listed with full data and brief annotations are added on the colors of soft parts, relation to other forms, etc. Two forms are described as new; one, *Pitta nepalensis hendeei* (p. 65) Mouong Moun, Tonkin, in the present report, and *Phylloscopus pernotus* in a previous paper,⁴ both, along with *Alcurus striatus*, are figured on two colored plates from paintings by Walter A. Weber.

The report is a valuable contribution to ornithology.—W. S.

¹ La Vie des Oiseaux par J. Berlioz, avec 60 Planches en Héliogravure. Bibliothèque Générale Illustrée. Les Éditions Rieder, Paris, 7 Place Saint-Sulpice. 1931.

² Mémoire 3. Oiseaux des Iles Paracels par J. Delacour & P. Jabouille. January, 1930. Pp. 1–24, pls. I–XIII.

³ Birds of the Kelley-Roosevelts Expedition to French Indo-China. By Outram Bangs and Josselyn Van Tyne. Field Museum of Natural History, Publ. 290, Zool. Ser., XVIII, No. 3. Chicago, June 10, 1931. Pp. 33–119, map and two colored plates.

⁴ Field. Mus. Nat. Hist., Zool. Ser., 18, No. 1, p. 4.