

He lists 396 species and subspecies with 57 more in the hypothetical list of forms likely to occur. No less than 27 are here reported in Missouri for the first time.

The character of occurrence of each bird is given in symbols such as "CSR" for common summer resident but as the remainder of the line is almost always left blank, this statement could easily have been printed in full with no extra expense and saved the user of the list the annoyance of consulting the key to the symbols.

All important records are given in detail and foot notes explain many questionable occurrences. The nomenclature follows the A. O. U. Check-List and the A. O. U. numbers are quoted before the names, which is rather confusing as they are now completely out of sequence and are only retained for the use of egg collectors who have used them in marking many thousands of specimens. Many important corrections to ranges given in the 'Check-List' are presented and this, it seems to us, is one of the most important functions of a good state list.

Prof. Bennitt is to be congratulated upon an excellent piece of work, well conceived and well printed.—W. S.

DuMont's 'List of the Birds of Iowa.'—This is another excellent up to date state list¹ taking the place of R. M. Anderson's 'Birds of Iowa' published nearly thirty years ago. Omitting synonymy and original references, which are readily available in more general works, the author presents the status of each species in Iowa, with abundant brief extracts from previous publications and original data on the occurrence of the rare species or on the distribution of others.

There is no attempt at life histories or descriptions the work being simply a faunal list of the sort that serves well as a work of reference and as the basis for future A. O. U. Check-Lists.

References in the text are made to authors by name and date and a bibliography furnishes the further details. There is a hypothetical list of species likely to occur in the state and a list of thirteen species of Anderson's list not accepted for one reason or another. The list contains 364 species or subspecies as against 354 in Anderson's publication.

Mr. DuMont has done an excellent piece of work.—W. S.

Greene's 'Birds of the Atlanta, Georgia, Area.'²—Georgia is one of the few states without a satisfactory bird list so that such a paper as Mr. Greene has published and Prof. Burleigh's recent summary of the birds of the State College Campus at Athens (see *Auk*, 1927, p. 457) are particularly welcome.

In the present list 208 species and subspecies are given with 24 additional

¹ A Revised List of the Birds of Iowa. By Philip A. DuMont. University of Iowa Studies in Nat. Hist. XV, No. 5. 1933. [Received Dec. 1, 1933 but cover dated Feb. 1, 1934] Pp. 1-171. Price \$1.00.

² Birds of the Atlanta, Georgia, Area, Distribution, Migration and Nesting. By Earle R. Greene Bull. No. 2, Georgia Society of Naturalists. Printed by the Society, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 1933. Pp. 1-46. Price \$1.00.