

'Red Hills' of the so-called "Pennsylvania Dutch" have already been mentioned in these columns. His latest volume¹ deals with the White Mountains of New Hampshire, where he for years has had a summer home, and their inhabitants. While not so rich in bird lore as its predecessors it is full of that appreciation of nature which characterizes the author's work. In two chapters, "The Cock of the Woods" and "Crows on the Barn" the birds take first place.

It is interesting to see this Pennsylvania writer trespassing into a field which New Englanders have long considered peculiarly their own.—W. S.

Priest's 'Birds of Southern Rhodesia.'—Just as we go to press we have received the second volume² of Captain Priest's excellent work on the birds of southern Rhodesia. It fully maintains the standard of the former volume both in style and make-up. There are ten color plates and 172 text figures.

The four Orders comprising (1) the Rails and their allies; (2) the Shore-birds, Sand-grouse and Doves; (3) Cuckoos, Parrots, etc., and (4) Rollers to Woodpeckers are covered in the present volume. The Passerine families will be treated in succeeding volumes.

We congratulate Captain Priest upon the progress of his work which will be a great boon to ornithologists of Rhodesia as well as to visitors from elsewhere.—W. S.

Brooks and Wetmore on North American Birds.—Another installment of Major Brooks' paintings of North American birds, with text by Dr. Wetmore, has appeared in the May issue of the 'National Geographic Magazine' (pp. 575-596). It covers the Titmice, Nuthatches, Creepers, Wrens, Dipper, Kinglets and Gnatcatchers. The color plates are very pleasing, on gray tinted backgrounds with the birds in little groups, after the fashion of Thorburn's 'British Birds,' with branches of trees or sprays of flowering shrubs and bits of hazy scenery.

Dr. Wetmore in his sketches of the various species has combined brief notes on field experiences with general information on relationships and habits, which makes interesting and instructive reading. Why it is necessary to present such valuable matter under such modern newspaper publicity headlines it is hard to understand—Dr. Wetmore's contribution appears as "Winged Denizens of Woodland, Stream, and Marsh" while Major Brooks plates are termed "Blithe Birds of Dooryard, Bush, and Brake!" This we presume is the work of an editor not of the authors.—W. S.

DeSchaunsee on 'Birds from Siam and the Southern Shan

¹ The White Hills. Mountain New Hampshire, Winnepesaukee to Washington. By Cornelius Weygandt. Henry Holt and Company, New York. 1934. Pp. i-xi+1-309. Price \$3.50.

² The Birds of Southern Rhodesia. By Captain Cecil D. Priest. Volume II. William Clowes and Sons, Limited, London and Beccles. 1934. Pp. 1-553. To be obtained at 94 Jermyn St., London, S. W. 1. Or the Herald Book Store, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. Price £ 1. 10.

States.'—Mr. deSchauensee made a third expedition to Siam, in the interests of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, from December, 1933, to March, 1934, and obtained upwards of 2000 specimens which he has reported upon in the present paper.¹ The annotated list which makes up the bulk of the report covers 504 species or subspecies, ninety-eight of these were collected in the Shan States of which twenty-five were not obtained in Siam.

No new forms are described in this paper but two obtained on the expedition were previously published (cf. Auk, 1934, p. 268). Thirty-six species were added to the 337 previously known from the Chieng Mai district.

The paper opens with an interesting itinerary in which there are descriptions of the country traversed and accounts of the habits of the more conspicuous birds. In the part which follows all the specimens are listed, with dates and localities, and comments on relationship of the various forms, as well as measurements where variation was noted. Eight photographs of scenery are presented on four halftone plates and there are three other views (unfortunately without captions) and a map, in the itinerary.

Mr. deSchauensee has made a very valuable contribution to Siamese ornithology and his wide personal experience with the birds of the country makes his discussion of the relationship of the species of exceptional value.—W. S.

Roberts on the Birds of Trinidad.—Mr. H. Radclyffe Roberts of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, accompanied by Messrs. George R. Clark and W. Wedgwood Bowen, spent the months of July and August, 1931, in Trinidad, making a collection of the birds which has been presented to the Academy, where Mr. Roberts studied it. In the present paper² he has listed the 167 species represented, with his field notes and comments on the relationship of many of the species. In order to make the list more generally useful he has added all of the species obtained by others and brought the nomenclature up to date, so that the paper constitutes a complete catalogue of the bird life of the island. Numbers in parentheses refer to Chapman's 'List' of 1894, in which 304 species are given; Mr. Roberts lists 320.

The paper is carefully compiled and the author's notes add not a little to our knowledge of Trinidad birds. Both resident and visiting ornithologists will find the pamphlet very useful.—W. S.

Swarth on the 'Birds of Nunivak Island, Alaska.'—The present paper³ is based upon the work of the late Cyril Guy Harrold who made a trip

¹ Zoological Results of the Third DeSchauensee Siamese Expedition, Part II. Birds from Siam and the Southern Shan States. By Rodolphe Meyer deSchauensee. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sciences, Phila., LXXXVI, 1934, pp. 165-280. May 18, 1934.

² List of Trinidad Birds with Field Notes. By H. Radclyffe Roberts. Tropical Agriculture, [Govt. Printing Office, Port of Spain, Trinidad] Vol. XI, No. 4, pp. 87-99, 1934.

³ Birds of Nunivak Island. By Harry S. Swarth. Pacific Coast Avifauna. Cooper Ornithological Club, Los Angeles, Calif., No. 22, March 31, 1934. Pp. 1-64. Price \$2.00.