

collection in themselves, representing various founders of the A. O. U. and extending in dates back to the 80's. These are offered to any interested institution or individual and I will send them all to one address or divided them among any applicants there may be, say in a month subsequent to the distribution of this issue of *The Auk*.—W. L. McATEE, *Fish and Wildlife Service, Chicago 54, Illinois.*

RESEARCH REQUEST

I am interested in obtaining reprints, copies of unpublished manuscripts and results or observations made in connection with the biological control of mosquitoes.

I want to bring this information together in the form of annotated bibliographies.—J. B. GERBERICH, *Dept. of Biological Science, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.*

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UNDER-WING FISHING OF THE BLACK HERON

EDITOR OF *THE AUK*:—The remarkable under-wing fishing of *Melanophoyx ardesiaca* so excellently described and illustrated by Capt. Delacour in *The Auk* (63: 441-442, pl. 11, July, 1946) may have a significance which is not suggested in the note. It is well known that some fish (*e. g.*, the black bass) congregate in shadows and avoid sunlit water. Possibly the Black Heron is utilizing this habit in some fish of the region. Would that we knew whether such a habit is instinctive (inherited), discovered *de novo* by each individual, or learned imitatively!—CHARLES H. BLAKE, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.*