

complicated citation below* of a decidedly noteworthy article reporting upon the bird-life of a region in southeastern Alaska lying inland a short distance from the sea-coast in the vicinity of Yakutat Bay. The senior co-author, Laing, made a three-months' trip into this territory, May to August, 1925, and the paper is based upon the specimens and notes then gathered. The Mount Logan district proves to possess a mixture of interior Alaskan bird types with humid coast forms. The faunal discussions are thus of more than ordinary interest to the student of animal distribution in north-western America.

The literary style of this contribution is somewhat unusual in that it is quite consistently telegraphic. Reduction of wording is thus realized but, we fear, not infrequently at the expense of clearness of expression. We will now simulate the style used, in the balance of this review.

Critical notes in this paper supplied by Taverner. Some important, as follows: *Histrionicus histrionicus pacificus* and *Oidemia deglandi dixonii* both discredited on basis new material examined. Tenability of *Tringa solitaria "cinnamomeus"* [*sic* all through discussion!] upheld—as “strain”, then again as “distinctly good race”.

Concerning Goshawks, Taverner disagrees fundamentally with Swarth as to age diagnosis certain molting specimen. Tenability *Astur atricapillus striatulus* advocated, but on basis juvenile plumage only: specimens in hand “definitely show that marked juvenile *striatulus* [from Mount Logan] come from parents indistinguishable from typical *atricapillus*.”

[Age designations obviously wrong in several places. Example: Under *Acanthis linaria*, “presumed that they breed in juvenile plumage” evidently means, rather, that they breed in first annual plumage.]

Red-tailed Hawks given further critical discussion. Opinion reasserted that bird currently called *Buteo borealis harlani* merely “phase” of *calurus*. But, since name *harlani* has priority over *calurus*, all Western Red-tailed Hawks should be called *B. b. harlani*. [The reviewer does

not subscribe to this interpretation of the facts.]

Evidence at his command leads Taverner to support Alaskan race Northern Shrike, *Lanius borealis invictus*. But regarding tenability western race *Dendroica coronata*, *D. c. hooveri*, he thinks “geographical suggestion” main basis in favor! Mount Logan produces thrushes of *Hylonicichla ustulata* group which strongly suggest “expediency of recognizing *H. u. almae*.”

Notes on manner of occurrence, behavior and breeding, insofar as learned concerning the 85 birds listed, supplied chiefly by Laing. Important contributions along these lines furnished, in particular, for Golden Eagle, both species Three-toed Woodpecker, Raven, Bohemian Waxwing, Hermit Thrush, and Wheatear. Significant to note, incidentally, that Olive-sided Flycatcher of this Alaska-Canadian boundary neighborhood says “*Quick! Three Beers!*”—J. GRINNELL.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The November meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday evening, November 26, 1929, at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, with President Harris presiding and seventeen members present. The minutes of the October meeting of the Southern Division were read and approved.

The following applications for membership were read: John Hopkinson Baker, 1165 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., proposed by W. Lee Chambers; Clarence H. Sandberg, 1527 Shiller St., Alameda, Calif., proposed by H. C. Bryant; C. R. Reynard, 1418 North Sixth Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, proposed by Walter P. Taylor; Mrs. Charles W. Hart, Fullerton, Calif., proposed by Helen P. Everhart.

A letter from the secretary of the Northern Division was read stating that the Northern Division has called a special meeting for Saturday evening, December 7, to consider the report of the committee appointed last spring to study the present status of protection of the non-game birds of California. Members of the Southern Division were cordially invited to attend the meeting. Mr. Willett, chairman of the corresponding committee of the Southern Division, stated that his report was not yet completely written. He was instructed by the President to

*Birds and Mammals of the Mount Logan Expedition, 1925. By Hamilton M. Laing, P. A. Taverner, and R. M. Anderson. Pages 69-107, in Annual Report for 1927 (Bulletin No. 56), National Museum of Canada, Department of Mines, Ottawa, Canada, 1929 (our copy received October 28). Notes on Birds Collected and Observed in Chitina River Region, Alaska, pp. 72-95, by H. M. Laing and P. A. Taverner.

mail his report to the Northern Division committee so that it may be used in presenting the subject to the special meeting.

In response to a letter from J. Murray Luck, Secretary of the Pacific Division American Association for the Advancement of Science, a motion made by Dr. Miller and carried, instructed the secretary to request the Northern Division to have its delegates also represent the Southern Division at the Affiliation Committee meeting which has been called for December 13 in San Francisco.

The President appointed Dr. Miller, Donald R. Dickey, and W. Lee Chambers, Chairman, as a nominating committee for officers of the Southern Division for the ensuing year.

Since the regular meeting date for December falls on New Years eve it was agreed that the President should call the meeting for an appropriate time. The meeting then adjourned to view some skins of foreign birds presented by Mr. Willett and later to inspect a live penguin now in the possession of the museum.—HAROLD MICHENER, *Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The December meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday evening December 12, 1929, at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, this being a special meeting called by President Harris to take advantage of the speaker's presence in the vicinity. The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Willett with about seventy members and friends present. The reading of the minutes was waived and the election of officers was postponed to the January meeting.

The following applications for membership were read: Edwin T. Coman, Jr., 234 Valparaiso Road, Menlo Park, Calif., Harry Basner, 440 Broadway, New York, N. Y., and Russell Cecil Penrose, Grass Valley, Calif., all proposed by W. Lee Chambers.

Mr. Rollo H. Beck, one of the earliest members of the Cooper Club (1894) and for the past several years in charge of a collecting expedition in the islands of the southern seas for the American Museum of Natural History, was the speaker of the evening. He told about and showed many colored slides of the birds, animals and people of the South Sea Islands. After the lecture was completed the meeting continued with questions and discussion for some time. Even after adjournment those

assembled were reluctant to break away.—HAROLD MICHENER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The December meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on December 7, 1929, at 8:00 p. m. in Room 101, Zoology Building, University of California, Berkeley, with about sixty members present and President Tyler in the Chair. Reading of all minutes was omitted. Mrs. Allen moved that Chair appoint a committee of three to nominate officers of the Northern Division for the coming year. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed. President Tyler appointed Mrs. Allen, Mr. Grinnell and Mr. Mailliard (Chairman) and suggested that nominations be reported to the secretary before the end of December.

The purpose of this meeting being to discuss bird conservation in California, the Secretary was instructed to read the report of the committee of the Southern Division, forwarded by Mr. George Willett, Chairman. At the close of the reading the report was discussed and the secretary instructed to thank Mr. Willett for his kindness in preparing and forwarding it.

The report for the Northern Division was then read by Mr. Jean M. Linsdale, Committee Chairman. A general discussion followed the report, different members commenting upon such portions as they felt from personal experience best qualified to do.

Mr. Grinnell moved the adoption of the report and that thanks be extended to the Committee; also, at the suggestion of Mr. Storer, that steps be taken to make the report available to all Cooper Club members residing in California. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried. Mr. Clabaugh suggested that a larger committee might be desirable, and President Tyler responded by adding two new members, the committee now standing as follows: Tracy I. Storer, Donald D. McLean, Joseph Dixon, C. B. Lastreto, and Jean M. Linsdale, Chairman.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Linsdale distributed lists of conservation projects needing study and asked members willing to aid in the work to sign and return the sheets, each person checking those projects which he felt best qualified to help. All members present signed and returned their lists.

Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary*.