

CAROLINA JUNCO (*JUNCO HYEMALIS CARO-*
LINENSIS) IN VIRGINIA.

On the summit of the "Peaks of Otter," Virginia, 6000 feet altitude, the Carolina Junco is a common summer resident, breeding in abundance there. The birds disappear early in the fall. I visit the summit often during the summer and nearly always they are present.

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BROWN HERON (*ARDEA BRUNNESCENS*) IN CUBA.

I found this rare heron fairly common on the San Juan River near Matanzas, Cuba, and after much stratagem and exposure, secured several specimens.

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EDITORIAL.

As announced in the last BULLETIN, at least three issues of the next volume will be devoted to final reports of committees, each one constituting a "Special Bulletin" of twenty-four or more pages. An effort will be made to issue these quarterlies early in the month in which they would naturally appear, but from their special nature delays may occur. The editor hopes that in the event of delay you will not become impatient. The first of these reports will come from the Committee on Warbler Songs. The second from the Special Committee on Colaptes. The July issue will probably be devoted to General Notes, following the plan of the past few years. This number shou'd be of unusual interest and value, being a summary of the work of the earlier part of the year. The fourth number will probably be a report upon special work on the Molt-
ing of birds, with special attention given to the details of molt in a few species. Considerable progress has already been made in this study, but many details remain to be carefully worked out.

In view of the special nature of the bulletins comprising the next volume, the price of the single numbers will be considerably increased,

but the subscription price will remain 50 cents if paid in advance. This rule will apply to members of the Chapter as well as to subscribers. Therefore members who are now in arrears will not receive the first number of the next volume until their assessments are received. The Chapter year closes in March, and therefore 1900 assessments are not due until then.

Our fellow member, Mr. John W. Daniel, Jr., will shortly leave on a special expedition for the Everglades of Florida, with the particular object in view of finding the nesting places of the Carolina Paroquette, Everglade Kite and Ivory-billed Woodpecker. We wish him every success in extending our knowledge of these rare species.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBER.

Mr. James E. Gaut, Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., is received into associate membership.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

North American Fauna, No. 16, by C. Hart Merriam.

The latest number of our North American Fauna gives the "Results of a biographical survey of Mount Shasta, California," representing the labors of Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Chief of the division of the Biological Survey, with his assistants, Messrs. Vernon Bailey, Wilfred H. Osgood, Walter K. Fisher, and Richard T. Fisher. Messrs. Henry Gannet, John H. Sage, and others visited the camp during the summer, rendering assistance.

A charmingly written account of the itinerary of the expedition is followed by a no less charming description of the physical features of Mount Shasta and its environments. The text is further illuminated by five full page plates of mountain scenery, and forty-five figures in the text still further bring before us the picturesqueness of the region and depict the plants and animals inhabiting its slopes.

A discussion of the life zones makes possible comparisons and contrasts with the Cascade range on the one hand and the Sierras on the other.