

## REVIEW

## RIDGWAY'S BIRDS OF NORTH AND MIDDLE AMERICA. Part VIII.

This part of Ridgway's monumental work treats of the order *Charadriiformes*, the *Limicolæ*, *Longipennes* and *Alcidæ* of the A. O. U. check list. It is well up to the standard of the other parts of the work. Two typographical errors appear, on Plate II, where it reads *Oedicnernus* instead of *Oedicnemus*, and on Plate XXVIII, where it reads *heerman* instead of *heermani*. Errors in the citations are found on page 534, where the breeding place of the Black Tern is given as Cedar Point, Erie County, *Pennsylvania*—it should read Ohio—and likewise on page 642, where it reads, *Licking Reserve*, Ohio, instead of *Licking Reservoir*, Ohio. We should like to have seen a few more bibliographical references under some species, but the material is so voluminous that it is impossible to hunt up all the references and give them in full. We notice that Mr. Ridgway treats *Tringa* or rather *Arquatella ptilocnemis* and *Uria ringvia* as species proper, and we are in hearty sympathy with this statement, as expressed elsewhere, though on the other hand we think that *Cepphus mandtii* is only subspecifically distinct from *grylle*. One is surprised though to see that the U. S. Nat. Mus. has only seven specimens of *Endomychura hypoleuca* and only three of *Craveri* on hand. Surely a greater number of specimens should be in the Nat. Museum, and it seems to us could be secured with comparative ease if our government would be more willing to spend money for science.

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