

This is a mimeographed publication which contains a large amount of valuable information—most of which is found nowhere else. For this serial, and for the very efficient way in which the bird banding work of the government is being handled, we are indebted to Mr. F. C. Lincoln. Those who receive *Bird Banding Notes* should keep it intact and complete. In time it will be difficult or impossible to obtain early numbers, and then there will be plenty of demand for complete sets.

Nature Notes from the Yellowstone Park for March, April, May, June, and July have reached our desk. This publication, if it may be so called, is also printed by the mimeograph process, and has, in the June number, been reduced to letter size, which is better. We surmise that the credit for this energetic serial belongs to Mr. E. J. Sawyer, the Park Naturalist. It includes many short notes on all phases of the natural history of the Park.

We acknowledge the receipt of the 1926 *Bulletin of the Indiana Audubon Society*. In addition to several articles pertaining to bird study and bird protection this pamphlet contains important records of the recent occurrence in Indiana of the Starling, Harris's Sparrow, and Burrowing Owl, these notes being brought together by Amos W. Butler.

The *Maine Naturalist* for March, 1926, (VI, No. 1) contains the first installment of an article on the "Birds of Brunswick, Maine", by J. Weston Walch, which is accompanied by a very excellent photograph of the Ruffed Grouse on its nest, by Dr. A. O. Gross. This creditable local magazine is edited by Arthur H. Norton, and is published quarterly at 22 Elm Street, Portland, Maine.

We have before us a set of four booklets dealing with four of the thirty-six Iowa State Parks, viz., Dolliver Memorial, Eldora Pine Creek, Pilot Knob, and the Ledges. These booklets describe the natural features of the parks, and include small maps, which in two instances, however, are rendered useless by being printed on purple cover paper. The reading matter includes a discussion of the history, physiography, and to some extent the natural history of the parks. The list of birds for the Eldora park is anonymous. No bird list is given for the Pilot Knob park or for the Dolliver park. The Ledges guide contains a list of the common, rare, and extinct birds, to the number of 204, by Carl Fritz Henning. This is a valuable list, and it should be republished with more complete annotations, because it will then make the most complete list of birds we have for the central part of the State.

NECROLOGY

On July 21, 1926, Frank M. Woodruff, Curator of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, and a well-known ornithologist of the Mississippi Valley, died at his home in Chicago. He was born at Leavenworth, Kansas, July 16, 1867. In 1884 he visited in Deer Park, Maryland, where he made a large collection of birds and mammals. In 1888 he was associated with Colonel Francis W. Parker at the Cook County Normal School, leaving there to assist in the collecting and mounting of the Illinois State Ornithological Exhibit at the World's Fair in 1893. From that time on he was connected with the Chicago Academy of Sciences. In 1907 the Chicago Academy published as a Bulletin his "Birds of the Chicago Area." He has also contributed other short papers to various scientific periodicals, including THE WILSON BULLETIN.—W. F. Worthley.