

Southern Arizona), (5) *Myiarchus lawrencei olivaceus* (Western Mexico, north to Southern Arizona), (6) *Pediæcetes phasianellus campestris* (Plains east of the Rocky Mountains), (7) *Lophortyx californicus brunnescens* (Pacific coast, from San Francisco Bay north to Washington Territory), and (8) *Phalacrocorax dilophus albociliatus* (Pacific Coast, from California to Cape St. Lucas). The same paper contains important inedited remarks by Dr. Sclater on Kaup's types of *Tyrannula mexicana* and *T. cooperi*, and a rectification by Mr. Ridgway of an error in 'History of Birds of North America' (Vol. II, p. 333) in respect to *Muscicapa lawrencii* Giraud.

Mr. Ridgway also describes* a new American Kingfisher (*Ceryle superciliosa stictopectera*) from Yucatan, publishes a note on *Psaltriparus grindæ*,† and another on the generic name *Calodromas* Scl. & Sal.‡ for which he proposes to substitute *Calopezus*, *Calodromas* being preoccupied for a genus of Coleoptera. —J. A. A.

Jordan's 'Manual of Vertebrates.'—The fourth edition of this excellent Manual§ (for notices of previous editions see Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, I, pp. 93, 94, and III, pp. 145, 146) though from the same stereotype plates as the second (1878) and third (1880) is again "brought fully up to date, so far as it is possible to do so without alteration in the arrangement of the genera or insertion of additional matter." Many changes in nomenclature, however, have been made by alterations in the stereotype plates, and an appendix gives a few species additional to those contained in the body of the work.—J. A. A.

Shufeldt on the Osteology of *Numenius longirostris*.||—Besides a detailed account of the osteology of *Numenius longirostris*, illustrated with two beautiful plates, the comparisons of the osteological characters of this species with those of many other Limicoline birds add greatly to the value of this excellent monograph.—J. A. A.

Rives on the Birds of Newport, R. I.—In this paper** Dr. Rives reviews in an informal manner the birds found in the vicinity of Newport,

* Description of a New American Kingfisher. *Ibid.*, pp. 95,96.

† Note on *Psaltriparus grindæ* Belding. *Ibid.*, p. 96.

‡ Note on the Generic Name *Calodromas*. *Ibid.*, p. 97.

§ Manual of the Vertebrates of the Northern United States, including the District east of the Mississippi River, and north of North Carolina and Tennessee, exclusive of Marine Species. By David Starr Jordan, Ph. D., M. D., Professor of Biology in Indiana University. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged. Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Company, 1884. 8vo., pp. 406.

|| Osteology of *Numenius longirostris*, with Notes upon the Skeletons of other American Limicolæ. By R. W. Shufeldt, Capt. Med. Corps U. S. Army [etc.]. Journ. Anat. & Phys., Vol. XIX, Oct. 1884, pp. 51-82, pl. iv and v.

** The Birds of Newport. By William C. Rives, Jr., M.D. Proc. Newport Nat. Hist. Soc., 1883-84. (July, 1884.) pp. 28-41.

mentioning briefly most of the species known to occur there. The paper contains many notes of interest, particularly respecting the rarer winter residents and various casual visitors.—J. A. A.

Bell on Birds observed between Norway House and Forts Churchill and York.—This is an annotated list* of 55 species, of much interest from the localities of observation. Though published in 1880, it has not previously been noticed in either the 'Bulletin N. O. C.' or 'The Auk.'—J. A. A.

Minor Ornithological Publications.—The concluding numbers of 'The Canadian Sportsman and Naturalist'† (Vol. III, Nos. 11 and 12, Dec., 1883) contain the following (Nos. 773-775):

773. *Animals that have disappeared in Recent Times. Canadian Sportsman and Naturalist*, Vol. III, pp. 278-280.—Refers to the Great Auk, the Labrador Duck, the Moas, *Notornis*, etc.

774. *American Ornithologists' Union. Bird Migration*. By C. Hart Merriam. *Ibid.*, pp. 281, 282.—Circular of the A. O. U. Committee on Bird Migration for 1884.

775. *Nesting of the Common Rail (Porzana Carolina) Niell* (= Vieill.). By William L. Kells. *Ibid.*, pp. 283, 284.

Stearns's 'Bulletin of Massachusetts Natural History,' Vol. I, Nos. 1-4, April-July (all thus far published!), contains the following (Nos. 776-782):

776. *Olden Time Notes on Natural History*. Editorial. *Bull. Massachusetts Nat. Hist.*, I, pp. 3-6.—Mostly an extract from Timothy Dwight's 'Travels in New England and New York,' published in 1821, containing allusions to plants, mammals, and birds.

778. *American Ornithologists' Union. Bird Migration*. By C. Hart Merriam. *Ibid.*, pp. 11-13.—Circular of the A. O. U. Committee on Bird Migration for 1884.

779. *A Few Bird Notes*. Editorial. *Ibid.*, No 2, p. 4.—Notes on the arrival of birds in April at Amherst, and allusion to the finding of nests of the Duck Hawk on Mount Tom and Sugar Loaf Mountain in Massachusetts.

780. [*First Capture of the Titlark (Anthus ludovicianus) at Amherst, Mass.*] By W. A. Stearns. *Ibid.*, p. 14.

781. *Henslow's Bunting. Coturniculus henslowi (Aud.) Bp.* Editorial. *Ibid.*, Nos. 3-4, p. 2.—Refers to various previously recorded instances of its occurrence in Massachusetts, and the capture of a specimen at Amherst, June 7, 1884, where the bird is 'almost common.' Also record of the capture at Amherst of the Red-headed Woodpecker.

782. *Birds of Amherst*. [By W. A. Stearns.] *Ibid.*, pp. 6-23.—Re-

* List of Birds from the Region between Norway House and Forts Churchill and York. [By Robert Bell.] Geological Survey of Canada. Report of Progress for 1878-79 (1880). IV, Appendix VI, pp. 676-706.

† For the index to the ornithological articles in the previous numbers of this journal see Auk, pp. 185, 186, April, 1884.