

Heermann's. There are types of about 160 of Cassin's species, and 9 of Peale's, and types of one or more species of some twenty other American ornithologists, besides types of many species (about 110) described by foreign ornithologists of note.

Not only has Mr. Stone given a list of the types in the Museum of the Academy, but in the case of species described in the Academy's 'Proceedings,' especially if North American, also the location of the types when not in the Academy's collection, if extant, and if believed to be not extant, this fact is also stated. The paper is thus an especially valuable one, and one involving great labor, for which Mr. Stone is entitled to the gratitude of his fellow ornithologists. —J. A. A.

New North American Birds. — During the last few months Mr. Bangs and others have described several new species and subspecies of North American birds. Mr. Bangs has separated the Barred Owl of Texas, heretofore of late referred to *Syrnium nebulosum alleni* of Florida, as *S. n. helveolum*,¹ on the ground of its general lighter coloration. The Spruce Grouse of Labrador he has likewise described as *Canachites canadensis labradorius*,² basing the form on slight differences of coloration, more pronounced in the female than in the male. He has also characterized a new Rail from Southern California as *Rallus levipes*,³ allied to *R. obsoletus* and *R. beldingi*, from which it differs in being smaller, and also somewhat in coloration.

Mr. Brewster has described a new Clapper Rail from the South Atlantic coast as *Rallus crepitans waynei*; ⁴ a comparison of Georgia and East Florida birds with those from New York and New Jersey showing that the southern form is much darker, the underparts more ashy, and the under tail-coverts with fewer markings.

Mr. W. H. Osgood has given a new name, *Chamæa fasciata phæa*,⁵ to the form of Wren-Tit which has of late been regarded as true *C. fasciata*. The type of *C. fasciata* appears to have come from southern California, and hence *C. f. heushawi* is a synonym of true *fasciata*, the darker northern form being here named *C. f. phæa*. — J. A. A.

¹ A New Barred Owl from Corpus Christi, Texas. By Outram Bangs. Proc. New Engl. Zoölogical Club, Vol. I, pp. 31, 32. March 31, 1899.

² The Labrador Spruce Grouse. By Outram Bangs. *Ibid.*, pp. 47, 48. June 5, 1899.

³ A New Rail from Southern California. By Outram Bangs. *Ibid.*, pp. 45, 46. June 5, 1899.

⁴ An Undescribed Clapper Rail from Georgia and East Florida. By William Brewster. *Ibid.*, pp. 49-51. June 9, 1899.

⁵ *Chamæa fasciata* and its Subspecies. By Wilfred H. Osgood. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, XIII, pp. 41, 42. May 29, 1879.