

Keyser's 'Birds of the Rockies.'¹ — This is a narrative of the author's experiences in a rather limited portion of Colorado, supplemented by an annotated list of the birds thus far recorded from the State, based, with due acknowledgment, on Prof. W. W. Cooke's 'The Birds of Colorado.' The author's field of observation included the immediate vicinity of Pike's Peak, and other points in the Rockies to the northward and southward, and also excursions to the foothills and adjoining edge of the Plains to the eastward. He evidently enjoyed his experiences with all the enthusiasm of an ardent bird lover, and recounts them at length in ecstatic phrases for the entertainment of those of similar ilk who may not have enjoyed his opportunities. He is often prolix and repetitive in telling of his feelings under these inspiring surroundings as well as in recording what he saw and learned in the way of new bird acquaintances, but he is evidently so sincere and so much in earnest that much can be pardoned. While the work is not given forth as a record of new discoveries, it cannot fail to be entertaining and enjoyable to the class to which it most obviously appeals — the amateur bird lover. The book is beautifully printed and illustrated, Mr. Horsfall's vignettes and marginal illustrations being very appropriate and pleasing. Besides, Mr. Keyser is an intelligent observer, and has a good general knowledge of his subject. In his opening chapter, 'Up and Down the Heights,' he has something to say of the vertical migration of birds in the Rockies, and of the faunal differences between this region and the States to the eastward of the Great Plains, — of the eastern forms one misses, of the western types that take their places, and of the representative, slightly differentiated forms that replace familiar eastern species. In the second chapter, 'Introduction to Some Species,' certain eastern and western forms are compared, and in a pleasant way much information is conveyed that cannot fail to interest and instruct the average lay reader. The other eleven chapters, under the titles, 'Bald Peaks and Green Vales,' 'Birds of the Arid Plain,' 'Over the Divide and Back,' 'A Pretty Hummer,' 'A Notable Quartette,' etc., deal with some particular locality or excursion, or with some particular species or group of species, so that in the course of the volume most of the common birds of the region come in for a share of the author's attention. The colored plates, by Mr. Fuertes, of some of the more characteristic and striking species, contribute greatly to the general attractiveness of a book that is well worthy of extended sale, and which occupies a hitherto somewhat neglected field in the list of popular bird books. — J. A. A.

¹ Birds of the Rockies | By Leander Keyser | Author of "In Bird Land," etc. | — | With Eight full-page Plates (four in color) | by Louis Agassiz Fuertes; Many Illustrations in the Text by Bruce Horsfall, and | Eight Views of Localities from photographs | — | With a complete Check- | List of Colorado Birds | [monogram]— | Chicago. A. C. McClurg and Co. | Nineteen Hundred and Two.—8vo, pp. i-xviii,+19-355, pl. 8 (4 in color), 8 full-page half-tones, and 30 half-tone marginal text cuts.