

but a popular account prepared expressly to interest the general reader. His observations are, however, interesting and valuable to the ornithologist. All of the principal species are passed in review, some of them briefly, while others are noticed at some length. The six half-tone plates illustrate chiefly the nesting habits of the Noddy and Sooty Terns, although two are devoted to the Fishhawk.—J. A. A.

Mrs. Wheelock's 'Nestlings of Forest and Marsh.'¹—This pleasantly written book "claims to be as accurate as careful observation in the field, with and without a glass, can make it," and has been written from the author's own notes "gleaned during several years of study of the nesting habits of our familiar birds, and some not quite so well known." The observations here recorded appear to have been made chiefly in the lake shore region near Chicago, and include studies of the nesting habits of the Meadowlark, Bluebird, Red-winged Blackbird, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Robin, Crow, Phæbe, Wood Pewee, Baltimore Oriole, Chickadee, Marsh Wrens, Sora Rail, Spotted Sandpiper, Killdeer Plover, Bob-white, Woodpeckers, Swallows, Blue Jay, etc. Mrs. Wheelock is evidently an enthusiastic and painstaking observer, and has managed to record the ways and motives of her feathered neighbors with a minuteness that suggests here and there the aid of a helpful imagination. The numerous half-tone illustrations of nests and nestlings add greatly to the realism of her graphically related experiences in the field, and combine with the text to render her book especially attractive as a popular contribution to the life-histories of some of our commoner birds.—J. A. A.

Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club.¹—The second number of 'Cassinia'² consists of the 'Abstract of Proceedings' of the Club for the year 1902, preceded by the principal papers read before the Club during the year. The frontispiece is a portrait of Edward Harris, illustrating a biographical sketch by George Spencer Trotter, of this friend and patron of science in the early days of American ornithology. He was especially a friend of Audubon, accompanying him on his tour through the South Atlantic and Gulf States in 1837, and on his Missouri River Expedition in 1843. Although he published little, he appears to have played an important part in the early history of ornithological work in this country. He was born at Moorestown, N. J., Sept. 6, 1799, where he died in 1863. He is commemorated in ornithological literature in the names of several North American birds named in his honor by Audubon, as *Picus harrissi*, *Falco harrisi*, Harris's Sparrow, etc.

¹ Nestlings | of | Forest and Marsh | By | Irene Grosvenor Wheelock | [Vignette] With Twelve Full-Page Photogravures and many Illustrations in the | text from Original Photographs from Nature by | Harry B. Wheelock | Chicago | A. C. McClurg & Co. | 1902 — 12mo, pp. 257.

² Cassinia: A Bird Annual. Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club of Philadelphia, No. VI, 1902. Roy. 8vo, pp. 66. Feb. 1903.