

Van Oort's Avifauna of the Netherlands.¹—The number of species here recorded for the Netherlands is 335. The specimens taken in the Netherlands contained in the Leyden Museum of Natural History are recorded, the later acquisitions in detail, with notes in many cases on peculiarities of plumage, but rarely is anything said about the status of the species as a bird of the Netherlands, either in reference to the manner or seasons of occurrence, except in the case of the rarer species. There are, however, many important critical notes on the particular subspecies found in the Netherlands.—J. A. A.

Hartert's 'Die Vögel der Paläarktischen Fauna,' Heft V.²—Part V of this great work bears date February, 1909, after an interval of nearly two years since the publication of Part IV, in March, 1907. This part begins with the remaining species of *Phylloscopus* and ends at the beginning of the genus *Turdus*, which he announces will be taken in a broad sense, to include a large number of more or less current genera. The present part thus comprises the families Sylviidæ and Crateropodidæ of authors, and the species and subspecies numbered 796 to 986, practically all 'Palæartic.'—J. A. A.

Count von Berlepsch on the Birds of Cayenne.³—This enumeration of the birds of Cayenne is based primarily on a collection made by George K. Cherrie, assisted by Benjamin T. Gault, during four months (October, 1902–January, 1903), for the Tring Museum. This collection comprised 1300 well-prepared bird-skins, representing 254 species. In order to make the list complete, the author has added in brackets all the species that have been reported as occurring in Cayenne, this being, according to the author, the first attempt to give complete enumeration of the birds of that country. The list comprises 626 species, of which 553 have been satisfactorily determined as birds of Cayenne; the other 73 are hypothetically included, on the basis of doubtful records (23) or their general range (50). The author believes that we may add about 140 more as birds likely to occur there, so that "we are justified in computing the number of species inhabiting that country to be about 766." In footnotes, under each family, are enumerated the additional species that may perhaps occur in Cayenne.

The paper thus consists: (1) of a list of the species collected by Mr.

¹ Contribution to our Knowledge of the Avifauna of the Netherlands, being a List of all the Species of Birds hitherto observed, with special reference to specimens in the Leyden Museum. By Dr. E. D. van Oort. Notes from the Leyden Museum 1908, pp. 129–214, pll. vii, viii.

² Die Vögel der paläarktischen Fauna. Systematische Übersicht der in Europa, Nord-Asien und der Mittelmeerregion vorkommenden Vögel. Von Dr. Ernst Hartert. Heft V.—8vo, pp. 513–640, fig. 93–124. R. Friedländer und Sohn, Berlin. Published February, 1909. Price, 4 mark.

For notices of previous Parts see Auk, XXI, pp. 95, 505; XXII, p. 428; XXIV, p. 362.

³ On the Birds of Cayenne. By Hans Graf von Berlepsch. Novitates Zoologicae Vol. XV, pp. 103–164, 261–324. June and November, 1908.