

The other papers in 'Cassinia' are: 'The Mourning Warbler in Warren County, Pa.,' by Thomas H. Jackson; 'Some Birds of a Maurice River Farm,' by Chreswell J. Hunt; 'Catoxen Cabin on the Ranconcas,' by George Spencer Morris; 'Bird-Life at Catoxen,' by Witmer Stone; 'Three Finds in South Jersey,' by Robert Thomas Moore; 'A List of the Birds observed on the Barnegat Region of the New Jersey Coast in August, 1908,' by Wm. C. Braislin, M. D.

The Club held sixteen meetings during the year 1908, with an average attendance of twenty-two. The officers for 1909 are William A. Shryock, President; Stewardson Brown, Vice-President; Chreswell J. Hunt, Secretary; Samuel Wright, Treasurer; Witmer Stone, Editor of 'Cassinia.' — J. A. A.

Stone's 'A Review of the Genus *Piaya* Lesson.'— Mr. Stone¹ here recognizes three species — *P. melanogastra*, *P. rutilus*, and *P. cayana*, the latter with 10 subspecies, two of which are described as new. This revision is based on 259 specimens, and, of course, is made from the modern viewpoint. He refers to a brief review of the group made by the present writer in 1893, pointing out several errors made, as he kindly says, "largely through lack of material," and notes that "he ignored Cabanis's explanation of the true nature of Gambel's *macroura*," etc. We may here explain that Part IV of the 'Museum Heirnanum,' which contains Cabanis's review of the genus, was not then accessible to us, the copy of the work then available containing only the first three parts; otherwise probably Cabanis's ruling on the type localities of *P. macroura* Gambel and *P. circe* Bonap. would not have been 'ignored,' and the consequent errors would have been avoided. It is of interest that Mr. Stone is able to so emphatically confirm Cabanis's opinions on these two important points.

After reviewing the history of the group, Mr. Stone presents a 'key to the species and subspecies,' followed by the synonymy and a brief description of each form. If the forms to which critical reference is made had all been given in the synonymy of the species it would have added to the convenience of future investigators of the group, and have made clearer the several nomenclatural departures from current usage, all of which seem to be well founded. It may be added that the two new subspecies — *P. cayana cauce* and *P. c. boliviana* — are based on recently acquired material in the American Museum of Natural History. — J. A. A.

Watson's 'The Behavior of Noddy and Sooty Terns.'²— This is the report of observations made by the author at Bird Key, a small island of the Dry

¹ A Review of the Genus *Piaya* Lesson. By Witmer Stone. Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, Vol. LX, Pt. 3, July-Dec., 1908, pp. 492-501.

² The Behavior of Noddy and Sooty Terns. By John B. Watson, Professor of Experimental and Comparative Psychology, The Johns Hopkins University. Papers from the Tortugas Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Vol. II, 1908 (1909), pp. 187-225, pll. i-xi, and 2 text fig. [Separates not dated, but distributed early in March, 1909.]