

conforms in general character with its predecessors. The families and genera, as well as the species, comprise in a number of instances several groups that are usually accorded, respectively, independent rank. All the true thrushes, for example, are referred to *Turdus*, and all the true wrens to *Troglodytes*.

In respect to matters of nomenclature, the name *Prunella* properly displaces *Accentor*, and the name of the family becomes Prunellidæ. *Chelidon* Forster replaces (and we fear with good reason) *Hirundo* for the *H. rustica* group, and *Hirundo* is again assigned to the House-Swallow or the *urbica* group. Among the new subspecies we note an Irish race of the Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus hibernicus*), based on specimens from County Cork, Ireland. The British Islands now have two insular races of the *Cinclus cinclus* group, the other being *C. c. britannicus* Tschusi.—J. A. A.

Ogilvie-Grant's 'A List of British Birds.'¹—This list is in tabular form and is admirably arranged to show concisely and at a glance the status of each species as a bird of Great Britain: as to whether it is (1) resident and breeds, (2) a regular summer visitor that breeds, (3) a regular autumn, winter or spring visitor that does not breed, (4) an occasional visitor that formerly bred, or (5) an occasional visitor never known to breed. "When species have not occurred more than six times references are given to the works in which they have been recorded." Species of doubtful record and species artificially introduced are entered in the list in brackets and are not numbered. The species known as British birds number 442. The list is printed with one side of the leaf blank, so that it can be cut up for labelling. The nomenclature is binomial, even in the case of local subspecies; in each such instance, however, the name is followed by the statement, in a separate line, "A sub-species of" (whatever the species may be), or by formulæ like this: "*Parus ater*, Linn." followed by, in a separate line, "The Continental form," and "*Parus britannicus*, Sharpe and Dresser," followed by, in a separate line: "British sub-species of *P. ater*." This may be soothing to the feelings of those who dislike trinomials; but the general disregard of all modern codes of nomenclature, incidentally, throughout the list will not be soothing to those who have regard for correct nomenclature. The desirability thus recognized of explaining the relative status of forms here designated by binomials is an admission of the utility in such cases of the trinomial method.—J. A. A.

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² Birds and Mammals of Northwestern Colorado. By A. H. Felger. University Studies of Colorado Museum, Vol. VII, No. 2, pp. 132–146. January, 1910.