

A second paper¹ gives a brief account of the trip, with annotated lists of sixty species found on the Aleutians and twenty-two noted in Bering Sea in July. Interesting accounts of the habits of many of the species are given and two Asiatic birds are recorded for the first time in North America—*Hypocentor rustica* the Rustic Bunting, of which two dead specimens were found and one more shot by Mr. Wetmore on Kiska Island and *Calliope calliope* the Ruby-throated Nightingale of which Mr. McKechnie shot one specimen on the same island. A specimen of *Aestrelata* nearest to *A. fisheri* was obtained at the entrance to Kiska Harbor.—W. S.

Nelson and Goldman on New Birds from Panama.—Mr. E. A. Goldman's collections while on the Smithsonian Biological Survey of Panama during the winter of 1910-11 have yielded several new species. He finds in studying the Kingfishers² which he obtained that two distinct races have heretofore been united under *Ceryle septentrionalis* Sharpe. The more northern one to which Sharpe's name is found to apply ranges the whole length of Mexico to southern Texas while the one which is here named *C. americana isthmica* ranges from Guatemala to Panama. In another paper³ Mr. E. W. Nelson describes two new forms of Nun Birds obtained by Mr. Goldman.—*Monasa fidelis* and *M. similis* each based on a single specimen.—W. S.

Mearns on New African Birds.—Dr. E. A. Mearns⁴ presents descriptions of seven new species of African Grass Warblers as a result of his study of the material obtained by the Smithsonian African Expedition. Four of these, *Cisticola subruficapilla aequatorialis*, *C. s. borea*, *C. strangei kapitensis*, and *C. hypoxantha reichenowi* were obtained by himself; two, *C. alleni* and *C. difficilis*, by Dr. Glover M. Allen who was collecting in British East Africa at the same time that Dr. Mearns was there, and one, *C. prinioides kilimensis* was obtained by Dr. W. L. Abbott in 1888.

In a later paper,⁵ *Helionympha raineyi* obtained on the Rainey African Expedition is described from the Telek River, Sotik District.—W. S.

¹ Notes on Birds Observed During a Brief Visit to the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea in 1911. By A. C. Bent. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 56, No. 32, pp. 1-29, Feb. 12, 1912.

² A New Kingfisher from Panama. By E. A. Goldman. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 56, No. 27, pp. 1-2, December 1, 1911.

³ Descriptions of two New Species of Nun Birds from Panama. By E. W. Nelson. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 56, No. 37, pp. 1-2. February 16, 1912.

⁴ Descriptions of Seven New African Grass-warblers of the Genus *Cisticola*. By Edgar A. Mearns. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 56, No. 25, pp. 1-6, Nov. 23, 1911.

⁵ Description of a New Species of Sun Bird, *Helionympha raineyi*, from British East Africa. By Edgar A. Mearns. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 56, No. 28, p. 1, Nov. 28, 1911.