

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird Lore. Vol. XIV., No. 5. September–October, 1912.

Phoebe vs. Catbird.— A Study in Adaptability. By A. A. Allen.

The Story of Peter, a Purple Martin. By Fanny Hardy Eckstorm.

The Migration of N. A. Sparrows. By W. W. Cooke.— Towhees. Colorplates by Fuertes and Notes on Plumages by Chapman.

The California Quail and White- and Red-breasted Nuthatches furnish the subjects for the Educational Leaflets, with color plates by Allan Brooks and R. T. Brasher.

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The Magpies of Culebra Creek [Colorado]. By E. R. Warren.

Our Winter Guests. By Eliza F. Miller.— In Vermont.

A Rustic Food-House. By Frederic H. Kennard.

Gull Pensioners. By E. L. Moseley.— At Sandusky Bay, Ohio. Striking photographs by E. Niebergall.

Tame Wild Turkeys. By W. T. Davis.— In south Florida.

The Migration of N. A. Sparrows. By W. W. Cooke.— Pine Grosbeak. Color plate by Fuertes and plumage notes by Chapman.

The Chickadee by E. H. Forbush and the Willow Ptarmigan by Joseph Grinnell are the Educational Leaflets.

Annual Report of the National Association of Audubon Societies for 1912.

The Condor. Vol XIV, No. 5. September–October, 1912.

The Discovery of the Nest and Eggs of the California Pine Grosbeak. By Milton S. Ray.— A very interesting and well illustrated account of a trip into the high Sierras.

Notes from Todos Santos Islands. By A. B. Howell.— Annotations on 32 species.

Some Birds of the Saw-tooth Mountains, Idaho. By Stanley G. Jewett.— 35 species.

The Wilson Bulletin. No. 80. September, 1912.

A March Bird List from the Caloosahatchee River and Lake Okeechobee. By Frank M. Phelps.— Annotated list of 93 species; illustrations from photographs by O. E. Baynard.

Some Additions to a List of the Winter Birds of Southeastern Michigan. Pt. III. By B. H. Swales.— 18 additional species.

Why Birds are so named. By Katie M. Roads (continued from previous number).— This paper, intended to be instructive, is on the contrary exceedingly misleading and contains numerous errors. The author of the technical name is cited as authority for the English name which he frequently is not, while many of the sentences in quotation marks are not quotations at all. Little attempt has been made to search out the full names of persons after whom birds have been named. This leaves the uninformed reader in much doubt in the case of species named 'townsendi' where two different men have been honored.

A Study of the Avifauna of the Lake Erie Island. By Lynds Jones.— The Birds of Pelee Island, 65 species listed.

The Oölogist. Vol. XXIX, No. 9, September 15, 1912.

A Preliminary List of the Water Birds of the Middle Delaware Valley. By R. F. Miller.— An unfortunate and misleading compilation, though presented as if original. Including a number of species of which there is no record for this region.

The Oölogist. Vol. XXIX, No. 10, October 15, 1912.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey Nesting Dates for 1912. By R. C. Harlow.

Rails. By W. E. Saunders — Discusses their calls.

Summer Residents of Rutherford Co., N. C. By C. F. Moore.

The Pine Siskin. By R. B. Simpson — Nesting in Pennsylvania.

An Orange County [Fla.] Wood Ibis Rookery. By D. J. Nicholson.

The Ibis. IX Series. Vol. VI, No. 24. October, 1912.

The Birds of Gran Canaria. By David A. Bannerman.— The island is divided into six more or less distinct areas, the physical features and bird life of which are discussed, followed by an annotated list of the 84 species known from the island. There is a good map, some admirable half-tones showing the character of the country and a colored plate of *Fringilla teydea polatzeki*.

Notes on *Licmetis pastinator*. By Thomas Carter.— An excellent account of the habits of this interesting Cockatoo which has been rapidly decreasing in numbers. It is very destructive to wheat. On a strip 200 by 30 yards the entire crop was pulled down and trampled flat by the birds.

Remarks on the Stomach-contents of Birds. By C. F. M. Swynnerton.— While stomach contents showed but very few cases of birds devouring butterflies, actual observation directed especially to this question greatly increased the number. Wings and often the head as well were rejected which greatly increased the difficulty of detecting the presence of butterflies in the stomach.

The Progress and Condition of the U. S. National Museum. (From Annual Report).

Further Notes on the Birds of the Island of Formosa. By W. R. Ogilvie-Grant.— Based on the collection made by Mr. Walter Goodfellow in January, 1912. *Pyrrhula arizanica*, and *Ianthia goodfellowi* are described as new, the latter being figured in colors as well as *Dicæum formosum* and *Parus ater ptilosus*.

On the Immature Dress of *Anser indicus* and *Dendrocygna arborea*. By F. E. Blaauw.

The Shoe-bill in the Regent's Park.— By P. L. S. With an illustration of one of those living in the Giza Zoölogical Gardens.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club, CLXXXI.— Dr. Hartert describes as new *Phyllergates cucullatus batjanensis*, Batjan, Northern Moluccas; *Stoparola panayensis obiensis*, Obi Major; *Cossypha somereni*, Kampala, Uganda.

Mr. Erwin Stresemann who had been on the second 'Freiburger Moluk-

ken Expedition,' described the following new forms; *Leucopsar* (gen. nov.) *rothschildi*, Island of Bali; *Turdus deningeri*; *Oreosterops pinaiaë*, and *Stigmatops monticola*, Middle Ceram; and *S. deningeri*, Buru.

A new pheasant (*Pucrasia joretiana*) was described by Rev. J. Courtois from the mountains of the province of Anhwi, China.

Mr. F. W. Smalley described the moults of the Old Squaw Duck (*Harelda hyemalis*).

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club, Vol. XXX.— November, 1912. This volume of 332 pages constitutes the seventh annual 'Report on the Immigrations of Summer Residents' in England and Wales, covering the spring of 1911 and autumn of 1910. It follows the plan of the preceding reports and contains an immense amount of data. It might be remarked that while lighthouse records are definite and positive, the records of 'increase' for inland points would seem from our experience in America to be of questionable value owing to the extent to which personal opinion is involved.

The Avicultural Magazine. Vol. III, No. 11. September, 1912.

Nesting of the Black Redstart. By W. E. Teschemaker (concluded in October).

The Paradise Flycatcher. By E. C. Stuart Baker.

The Whooping Crane. By R. Cosgrave — An excellent half-tone illustration from life.

The Avicultural Magazine. Vol. III. No. 12. October, 1912.

The Two Nonpareils. *Cyanospiza ciris* and *Erythrura prasina*. By Frank Finn — With illustration in colors.

Cranes. By R. Cosgrave.— Illustrations of Little Brown and Wattled Cranes with Hybrid young, and young and old Demoiselles.

The Avicultural Magazine. Vol. IV, No. 1. November, 1912.

The Ring-necked Teal. *Nettion torquatum*. By D. Seth-Smith. Colored plate.

Nesting of the Winchat. By W. E. Teschemaker.

British Birds. Vol. VI. No. 4. September 2, 1912.

Spring-notes on the Border Counties. By Abel Chapman. Several original illustrations of ducks and grebe. By the author.

Observations on Manx Shearwaters and Storm-petrels at the Sally Isles. By Norman H. Joy.

British Birds. Vol. VI. No. 5. October 1, 1912.

Notes on the Bearded Tit. By Miss E. L. Turner. Illustrated.

Hybrids between Black Game and Pheasant. By Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain.

Emberiza palustris tschusii Reiser and Almasy, new to the British Isles, was taken by J. B. Nichols in Sussex.

British Birds. Vol. VI, No. 6. November 1, 1912.

Some Notes on the Breeding Habits of Nightingales. By N. F. Ticehurst. Illustrated by admirable half-tones from photographs.

The 'British Birds' Marking Scheme. Progress for 1912 and Some Results. By H. F. Witherby. 31,980 birds 'ringed' in four years.

Messrs. L. J. Rintoul and E. V. Baxter obtained the Lapland Blue Throat, new to the British Isles, on Isle of May.

Baird's Sandpiper was obtained at Rige Harbor, Sussex, Sept. 16, 1912.

The Austral Avian Record. Vol. I, No. 4. September 18, 1912.

Additions and Corrections to My Reference List to the Birds of Australia.

By Gregory M. Mathews.— 61 new subspecies.

On the Generic Name of the Barn Owl. By Gregory M. Mathews.—

Attention is called to the genus *Flammea* Fournel, Fauna de la Moselle, 1836, which is available if *Tyto* Billberg, 1828, is regarded as invalidated by the earlier *Tyto* of the same author.

The Emu. Vol. XII. Part 2. October, 1912.

Haunts of the Spotted Bower-Bird (*Chlamydodera maculata* Gld.). By Sidney Wm. Jackson.— A very interesting paper of 40 pages describing in the form of a daily diary a trip to Cambo Cambo, 500 miles northwest of Sydney, N. S. W., for the purpose of studying the habits and nidification of the Bower-Bird and other species. Admirable illustrations of the playgrounds and nests are presented as well as one of the nest of *Pseudogerygone jacksoni*, which was discovered on this trip. One of the playgrounds figured contained bleached bones of sheep, toe-bones of the Emu, pieces of glass, iron and tin nails, buttons, screws, washers, bottle-necks, small stones, pieces of Emu eggshell, pods, berries and a cartridge case. Mr. Jackson's entomological forceps and an aluminum teaspoon from his camp were soon added to the collection!

Internal Parasites Recorded from Australian Birds. By T. Harvey Johnston.

Birds of Lake Boga, Victoria. By A. Chas. Stone.— An annotated list of 162 species observed during a residence of eighteen years.

Field Ornithology in South Australia. By S. A. White. Covers the Port Augusta district.

Notes on the Mistletoe Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*). By L. G. Chandler.

Notes and correspondence indicate that Mr. Gregory Mathews' recent publications are bringing the Australian ornithologists violently face to face with the subspecies question — a problem which became familiar to Americans nearly a generation ago but which is apparently not yet settled to everyone's satisfaction.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte. September, 1912.

On the Mating Activities of the House Sparrow. J. Gengler.

Ornithological Observations on a Visit to Gratz Park. Fritz Braum.

Ornithology of North Palestine. Ernest Schmitz.

Are male birds in the Majority? O. Heinroth.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte. October, 1912

New Species of Birds from Amazonia. E. Sneath.— *Myrmotherula sclateri*, *Picumnus vargeæ*, and *Momotus momota cametensis* spp. nov.

On a new species of Dwarf Owl from Java. O. Finsch.— *Pisorhina angelinae*, sp. nov.

Two interesting breeding-birds for Lubeck. Werner Hagen.—*Ardetta minuta* and *Emberiza hortulana*.

Some Nomenclatural Remarks on Picidæ. Erich Hesse.—*Dendrocopos Koch* and *Dendrocopos Vieill.* are regarded as different names, and consequently Koch's genus should not be replaced by *Dryobates* Boie. Hartert's treatment of *Picus canus biedermanni* Hesse and *Picus gorii* (Harg.) is also discussed.

Phylloscopus indicus albigula subsp. nov. Erich Hesse.

J. Thienemann records a pair of Swifts banded in 1910 which returned to the same nest box in Neustrelitz, Mecklenburg, in both 1911 and 1912.

Journal für Ornithologie. October, 1912.

A Contribution to the Ornithology of southeastern German East Africa. Hermann Grote. The first installment of an annotated list, containing 146 species. *Guttera cristata makondorum* subsp. nov.

From Suez to St. Katharine's Closter. O. Graf Zedlitz.—Second installment. *Ammomanes deserti katharinæ* subsp. nov.

On the Klein bird drawings. J. Gengler.

Remarks on some Persian birds. N. Sarudny and M. Härms.—*Passer yarii* Sharpe, *Cinnyris brevirostris* (Blauf) and *Pycnonotus leucotis* (Gould) treated in great detail.

Obituary of Wilhelm Blasius. A. Nehrkorn.

Discussion of Koenig's 'Avifauna Spitzbergenensis.'

Ornithologische Monatschrift. Vol. 37, No. 8.

Fourth Annual Report of the Reservation for Bird Protection at Subach. By Baron Hans von Berlepsch.

Verhandlungen der Ornithologischen Gesellschaft in Bayern.

XI. No. 2. July 1, 1912.

Dr. J. Gengler discusses Andreas Jäckels 'weihergegend' then and now. Baron Besserer reports on Gull-banding during 1911.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie, IV, Nos. 41-42, September-October, 1912.

Revue of the Genus *Gracula*. By Dr. A. Dubois.

On the Food of Certain Birds. By Viscount de Chaignon.

Ornithological Notes from Tunis. By Dr. Millet-Horsin.

Spring Migration at Charente. By J. Delamain.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie, IV, No. 43, November, 1912. Study of a Collection of Birds made by M. Reinburg, in the environs of Baños Haut Pastaza, Ecuador. By A. Menegaux. Eighty-nine species of which *Picolaptes warszewiezi aequatorialis* is described as new.

The Black-eared and Black-throated Chats. By Collingwood Ingham.—Recognizes two races of the former and three of the latter.

An Authentic Catalogue of Birds Observed in the District of Montluçon [France]. By R. Villatte de Prugnes.