

larger and deeper colored than *Loxia curvirostra minor* with a larger and heavier bill. Mr. Bent proposes to separate them as a distinct race under the name of *Loxia c. percuca*.— W. S.

Mearns on a New African Grass Warbler.¹— To the several new forms of *Cisticola* recently described by Dr. Mearns he now adds another *C. primooides wambugensis* from Wambugu, British East Africa, obtained in 1909 on the Smithsonian Africa Expedition.— W. S.

Ornithology in the Smithsonian Report for 1911.— Among the reprinted articles which form part of the Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1911 four deal with birds. These are 'A History of Certain Great Horned Owls,' by Charles R. Keyes, from 'The Condor,' 1911; 'The passenger Pigeon,' accounts by Pehr Kalm, from 'The Auk,' 1911 and by J. J. Audubon, (Ornithological Biography, Vol. 1); 'On the Position Assumed by Birds in Flight,' By Bentley Beetham, from 'British Birds,' 1911; and 'Note on the Iridescent Colors of Birds and Insects,' By A. Mallock, 'Proceedings of the Royal Society,' London, 1911.— W. S.

Horsbrugh's Game-Birds and Water-Fowl of South Africa.²— The concluding part of this attractive work is now before us and it fully maintains the high standard of the earlier parts. Fifteen species of Anatidæ and the Hadada Ibis are figured and described. The last Major Horsbrugh tells us is "not really a game bird but is most excellent eating and is always a welcome addition to the bag." The index, preface and title page accompany this installment and it is to be regretted that there is not an abstract of the laws of South Africa defining and protecting gamebirds.— W. S.

Hellmayr on Birds from the Mouth of the Amazon.³— This valuable contribution to Brazilian Ornithology is prepared with the same skill and carefulness that characterizes the work of the author and further illustrates his broad knowledge of the neotropical avifauna.

The paper is divided into six parts.

I. 'A review of the birds collected in the Para district'; a fully annotated list of 179 species, with discussion of ranges and relationship with allied forms.

¹ Description of a New African Grass-Warbler of the Genus *Cisticola*. By Edgar A. Mearns. *Smithson. Misc. Collec.*, Vol. 60, No. 20, pp. 1-2. February 14, 1913.

² *The Game-Birds and Water Fowl of South Africa* by Major Boyd Horsbrugh, with Colored Plates by Sergeant C. G. Davies, Part 4. London. Witherby & Co., 326 High Holburn. December 11, 1912.

³ *Zoologische Ergebnisse einer Reise in das Mündungsgebiet des Amazonas* herausgegeben von Lorenz Müller. II. Vogel von C. E. Hellmayr. *Abh. Königl. Bayern. Akad. Wiss.* XXVI, 2. pp. 1-142. November 15, 1912.