

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird-Lore.¹ Vol. XV. No. 5. September–October, 1913.

With Asio in the Greenwood. By Florence Merriam Bailey.— A most interesting account of the Long-eared Owl in North Dakota.

The Sharp-tailed Grouse in Manitoba. By J. Woodcock.— With photograph from life.

Notes on a pair of Holbøll's Grebe. By M. S. Crosby.

An Opportunity Interrupted. By Arthur A. Allen.— A study of the nesting of the Blue-headed Vireo. A Cowbird's egg laid before the nest was quite completed was 'floored over' but two more were laid later!

The Migration of North American Sparrows.— Harris' and the Golden-crowned Sparrows. Migration Tables by W. W. Cooke, plumage notes by F. M. Chapman. Color plate by Fiertes.

Educational Leaflet.— The Cat-bird. By Witmer Stone.— With color plate by Horsfall.

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Impressions of the Voices of Tropical Birds. By Louis Agassiz Fiertes.— The first installment of what promises to be an interesting and valuable discussion of the songs and singing habits of South American birds. Illustrated by original sketches.

The Tropic-Birds of Bermuda. By Karl Plath. Illustrated by photographic reproductions.

The 'Old Maid' Gull. By W. O. Doolittle.

The Present Status of the Heath Hen. By George W. Field.

My Bird Neighbors. By Mrs. L. H. Toussaint.— In Florida.

How to Make a Thrashery. By Mable Osgood Wright.

The Migration of N. A. Sparrows. The Rosy Finches. Migration by W. W. Cooke, plumage notes by F. M. Chapman, color plate by Fiertes.

The Annual Report of the Audubon Societies forms a contribution of about 100 pages, well worthy of perusal.

The Tufted Titmouse. By Florence Merriam Bailey. Educational Leaflet, with plate by Fiertes.

The Condor.² Vol. XV. No. 5. September–October, 1913.

A Revision of the California Forms of *Pipilo maculatus* Swainson, with Description of a New Subspecies. By H. S. Swarth.— In this paper a material increase in the races of *Pipilo maculatus* is proposed; *P. m. falcifer* McGregor, is recognized for the coast form regarded as inseparable from *P. m. oregonus* in the A. O. U. Check-List; *P. m. megalonyx* is restricted to the San Diegan region and the birds of the great interior valleys is separated

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as *P. m. falcinellus* subsp. nov. Grinnell's *P. m. curtatus* regarded as identical with *P. m. arcticus* is recognized as distinct, occurring in the Warner Mountain region in summer and along the lower Colorado in winter. In addition it is pointed out that *P. m. clementæ* occurs only as San Clemente and Santa Catalina Islands, the Santa Cruz bird being *megalonyx*. This paper seems to be a very careful piece of work and the additional information relative to *P. m. curtatus* should call for a reconsideration of this form on the part of the A. O. U. Committee.

Unusual Nesting Site of the Mallard. By O. J. Murie.— In a tree seven feet from the ground.

Call Notes and Mannerisms of the Wren Tit. By J. Grinnell.— A valuable contribution to the history of this unique bird. Mr. Grinnell's reference to the value of song in judging relationship of birds is in line with an editorial in the July 'Auk,' while his efforts to represent the various vocal efforts of the bird by the syllabic method are additional evidence of the utter failure of this method in the vast majority of cases. His careful analysis would doubtless be understood by one who had already heard the bird, but to one who has not it conveys no meaning whatever as an aid in trying to reproduce the notes. There seems to be no method by which the quality of a song may be conveyed in words to one who has not heard it.

The Wilson Bulletin.¹ Vol. XXV. No. 3. September, 1913.

Home Life of the Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis autumnalis* Linn.). By Oscar E. Baynard.— An account of the nesting of the species at Orange Lake, Alachua Co., Florida; with half-tone illustrations.

The Olive-backed Thrush (*Hylocichla ustulata swainsoni*) at his Summer Home. By Cordelia J. Stanwood.— One of the very best studies of nestling birds that has yet appeared, with tables of increase in weight, and length, observations on food, etc., illustrated by half-tones from photographs.

A Vacation in Quebec. By G. Eifrig.

The Winter Birds of Algonquin Park, Ontario. By A. Cleghorn.

The Warbler.² Vol. VII. 1913 (first issue since October, 1910).

A Theoretical Analysis of the Colors of Familiar Warblers. By John Treadwell Nichols.— A detailed discussion of the plumages of 25 familiar species, without however arriving at any very satisfactory result. It seems doubtful if any such result can be attained by the study of any limited group of birds.

A Nesting Season in Nova Scotia. By Harold F. Tufts.

An Apparently Heretofore Unfigured Plumage of *Contopus carolinensis*. By Henry Thurston.— A green-headed bird with an 'orange-crimson' frontlet and cheeks, but no yellow. It is supposed to be the normal juvenal plumage.

¹ Edited for the Wilson Ornithological Club by Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.
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- A Collecting Trip to Diomed Island. By John Koren.
Notes on the Nesting of Bobwhite at Flowerfield, L. I. By John Lewis Childs.— With half-tone plate of nest.
Wilson's Plover. By Henry Thurston.— At Tampa Bay, Fla.
The Depredations of Cats on Muskeget Island. By G. K. Noble.— Cats left by inhabitants of hunters' shacks destroy many nesting terns.
Long Island Bird Notes. By John Lewis Childs and Henry Thurston.
Notes Extending Dates of Arrival and Departure of Certain Species on Long Island. By Henry Thurston.— Notes on 23 species.
Long Island Notes. By J. T. Nichols and R. C. Murphy.— Notes on 51 species.
Two hand colored plates of a set of eggs of the Knot and the head of the immature Carolina Paroquet illustrate the number.
The Oölogist.¹ Vol. XXX. No. 10. October 15, 1913.
Birds seen on a Long Journey. By A. C. Read.— A nominal list of species seen *en route* from Isle of Pines to Montreal Canada and return.
The Oölogist. Vol. XXX. No. 11. November 15, 1913.
Wintering of the Catbird at Pittsburg, Pa. By Thomas D. Burleigh.
The Northern Pileated Woodpecker. By S. S. Dickey.— Nesting in Huntingdon Co., Penna.
Unusual Winter Birds. By Thomas D. Burleigh.
The Ibis.² X Series. Vol. I. No. 4. October, 1913.
Notes on Birds around Mpumu, Uganda. By L. M. Seth-Smith.— Annotated list of 174 species with colored plate of eggs and half-tone of *Platystira cyanea* on its nest.
Corrections to the 'Catalogue of the Collection of Birds' Eggs in the British Museum.' By Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain.— This contribution covers only the palæarctic species.
Notes and Observations on the Painted Snipe (*Rostratula capensis*) in Ceylon. By J. O. Beven.— An interesting account of this bird which is one of comparatively few species in which the female is larger and more brightly colored than the male.
Notes on the Vultures found in the neighborhood of Simla and adjacent ranges of the Himalayas. By P. T. L. Dodsworth.— A valuable contribution to the life history and distribution of seven species of these birds which on account of their large size and repulsive nature have been but little studied. It is pointed out that a lack of satisfactory specimens renders it impossible to settle finally the question of the identity of *Gyps fulvus* and *G. fulvescens*.
A few Remarks on the European Certhiidae. By Collingwood Ingram.— Six subspecies are recognized of which *Certhia familiaris pyrenaica* from the upper forests of the Pyrenees is described as new.

¹ Edited and published by R. M. Barnes, Lacon, Ill.

² Edited for the British Ornithologists' Union, by W. L. Sclater. Published by R. H. Porter, 7 Princess St., Cavendish Sq., W., London.

On a Collection of Birds from Southern Abyssinia presented to the British Museum by Mr. W. N. McMillan. Part I. Passeres. By W. R. Ogilvie-Grant.— This report is based upon a collection of upwards of 3000 skins collected by P. C. Zaphiro employed by Mr. McMillan to supplement the collection obtained on his expedition to the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan in 1903–1904. The annotated list includes 229 species, of which *Salpornis salvadorii abyssinica*, Limonu on the Uргуessa River, is described as new. Several other novelties from other collections are also described in this paper incidentally: *Miraфра pæcilocsterna jacksoni*, Kikuyu; *Bradyornis infuscatus seimundi*, Deelfontein Cape Colony; and *B. i. ansorgii* Catambella and Huxe. The last two occur in a monograph of the genus *Bradyornis* which is appended. The author's practice of citing two or more types is quite unnecessary and is the source of possible complications in the future. Sooner or later some one else must select one of them as the type.

Obituary. Philip Lutley Selater. By A. H. Evans.— With Bibliography of 582 titles.

Brief Obituaries of Thomas Ayres and Dr. J. W. B. Gunning.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club.¹ Vol. XXXII. September, 1913.— This volume of 336 pages comprises the club's annual record of bird migration for the spring of 1912 and autumn of 1911. It follows the same general plan as the previous reports and contains a vast amount of data. It is possible, from the records received, to group the migrants into several classes according to the points at which they reach England, the Ring-Ouzel, Grasshopper Warbler, Pied Flycatcher and Land-Rail arriving solely on the western half of the south coast, while the Nightingale, Tree-Pipit, Red-backed Shrike, Wryneck and Turtle Dove come in on the south-east coast, etc. The most striking feature of the winter of 1911–12 was the unusual visitation of Little Auks.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club. No. CXC. October 24, 1913.— This number is devoted to a Guide to Selborne and a Synopsis of the Life of Gilbert White, by W. H. Mullens — prepared for the visit of the Club to Selborne which was given up on account of the death of Dr. Selater.

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Obituary of Philip Lutley Selater.

W. R. Ogilvie Grant exhibited specimens of the rare Spitsbergen Ptarmigan, *Lagopus hyperboreus*.

Carduelis carduelis bermudiana was described as new by J. N. Kennedy, but the propriety of naming birds introduced by man and which had changed color slightly as has been the case with the European Goldfinch in Bermuda, was questioned by members.

¹ Edited by W. R. Ogilvie Grant. Published by Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn, London.

Hon Walter Rothschild discussed the relationship of various forms of Cassowary.

D. A. Bannerman described as new *Saxicola dacotæ murielæ*, Allegranza Island, *Acanthis cannabina harterti* Lanzarote Island, Canary Islands. H. H. Harington presented a revised key to the species of *Turdinulus* describing as new *T. brevicaudus venningi* and *T. epilepidotus bakeri*, from the Southern Shan States, Burma.

E. Stresemann called attention to variation in House Sparrows, the English birds being slightly smaller than the Continental race.

British Birds.¹ Vol. VII. No. 5. October 1, 1913.

The Sequence of Plumages of the Rook. By H. F. Witherby (see p. 118).

British Birds. Vol. VII. No. 6. November 1, 1913.

The Red-throated Diver in its Breeding haunts. By Miss E. L. Turner.

— A valuable contribution to the life history of this Loon with numerous half-tones from photographs.

Dr. L. Bureau's Work on the Partridge. By N. F. Ticehurst.— A review of 'L'age des Perdix. II. La Perdix rouge,' an exhaustive study of moult.

Recovery of Marked Birds.

The Avicultural Magazine.² Vol. IV. No. 11. September, 1913.

The Seed Snipe. By Hubert D. Astley.— Plate of *Thinocorus rumicivorus* and account of some live birds brought from Chili.

Nesting of the White Wagtail, *Motacilla alba*. By W. E. Teschemaker.

Nesting of Purple Sunbirds in Captivity. By E. J. Brook.

Some of My Sunbirds. By Alfred Ezra.

The Avicultural Magazine. Vol. IV. No. 12. October, 1913.

Colored plate of *Petrocincla cinchloyryncha*.

Hunting Duck Eggs in the Marshes of Manitoba. By H. K. Job.

Longevity in Captivity. By A. G. Butler.— One Red-billed Weaver has lived in the author's aviary of over 18 years.

A Prairie Chicken raised from captive laid Eggs. By John C. Phillips.

Bird Notes.³ Vol. IV. (n. s.) No. 8. August, 1913.

Some Interesting Birds. By W. T. Page, illustrations by H. Willford. — Admirable photographs of the Lesser Black-backed Gull, continued in Nos. 9 and 10 with illustrations of Terns and Cormorants.

An Island on the River Jhelum, Punjab. By H. Whistler.— Describes the nesting birds.

Bird Notes. Vol. IV (n. s.) No. 9. September, 1913.

Memories of a Trip in Argentina. By Mary C. Hawke.

Accounts of various birds in captivity in both numbers.

¹ Edited by H. F. Witherby. Published by Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn, London.

² Edited for the Avicultural Society by Hubert D. Astley. Published by West, Newman & Co., 54 Hatton Garden, E. C., London.

³ Journal of the Foreign Bird Club. Edited by Wesley T. Page. Treasurer, Sydney Williams Holland Lodge, Edmonton, London, N., England.

The Austral Avian Record.¹ Vol. II. Nos. 2 and 3. October 23, 1913.

Notes on Billberg's Synopsis Faunæ Scandinaviæ. By G. M. Mathews and Tom Iredale.

Dates of Publication of Plates of the "Ornithology . . . of the 'Coquille.'" By G. M. Mathews.

New Generic Names, with Some Notes on Others. By G. M. Mathews. — Twenty-seven new names proposed.

Additions and Corrections to my Reference List. By Gregory M. Mathews.— Five new names proposed and a long list of synonyms and changes.

The Emu.² Vol. XIII. Part 2. October 1, 1913.

A Commonwealth Collection. By A. J. Campbell.— Account of the egg collection of Mr. H. L. White, with three excellent color plates.

Description of a New Sericornis. By C. F. Cole.— *S. insularis* sp. nov. Forsyth Island, Bass Strait.

Birds of Moora (W. A.) and District. By C. L. E. Orton and P. T. Sandland.— Annotated list of 125 species.

The Black-eared Cuckoo (*Mesocallius palliolatus* Lath.). By P. A. Gilbert and H. Keane.— Its eggs are chocolate colored, closely resembling those of the Little Field Wren (*Chthonicola sagittata*) its most frequent host.

Some Swamp Birds. By A. C. Stone.

Bird-Life on White Island (N. 2). By W. R. B. Oliver.

Visit to Torilla Plains. By E. D. Barnard.

The Birds of Peel Island. By N. V. I. Agnew.— Annotated list of 76 species.

American View of the R. A. O. U. "Check-list."— This is an answer to the review in the July 'Auk', which naturally was not endorsed by the editors of 'The Emu.' We still maintain however that to have stability, nomenclature, in any branch, and in any country, must follow international rules and custom; and that in order to carry on the splendid work that they have accomplished in the past, and to make known to the world the ornithology of their most interesting continent, progressive Australian ornithologists cannot be hampered by any such list as that proposed by the R. A. O. U. Committee. The editors of 'The Emu' make one statement to which exception must be taken, i. e., "the reviewer has not had the same experience and knowledge as Australians of the practical application of trinomial methods." After serving for twelve years on the A. O. U. Committee on Classification and Nomenclature and having to pass upon the host of trinomial forms that have been proposed in America in that

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² Organ of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union. Edited by A. J. Campbell and Charles Barrett, Melbourne, Australia. London agents, Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn.

time, one would seem to have had ample opportunity to judge of the desirability of the 'trinomial method.' But even though he is not entirely in sympathy with the extremists in matters of subdivision the writer strongly upholds the trinomial method as a most desirable and indispensable feature of nomenclature.

The Journal of the South African Ornithologists' Union.¹ Vol. IX. No. 1. July, 1913.

Egg Collecting in the Bushveld. By Austin Roberts.—An interesting account of the physical features of the 'bushveld' and of the nesting habits of upwards of 125 of its characteristic birds.

Additions to the List of Birds of the District of Matatiele E. Griqualand. By C. G. Davies.—Twenty-five species.

The White Stork in South Africa. By Alwin Haagner.

Note on a Three-toed Ostrich Chick. By John Hewitt.

Field Notes on Birds Observed and Collected in the Boror District of Portuguese East Africa. By F. V. Kirby.—Thirty-nine species.

The Nidification of the Crowned Francolin in Captivity. By A. K. Haagner.

Journal für Ornithologie.² Vol. 61. No. 4. October, 1913. (In German.)

Between Migration and Breeding-time in the Meander. A Contribution to the Ornithology of Asia Minor. By Hugo Weigold.

On a Collection of Birds from Mysol. By Erwin Stresemann.—An annotated list of 72 species. *Loriculus aurantiifrons batorum* is described as new from Dutch New Guinea.

On the 1911 Migration of Nutcrackers in Schlesia. By Paul Kollibay. An Assembling place for Cranes. By E. Hesse.

Remarks on some Persian Birds. By N. Sarudny and M. Härms.

Journal für Ornithologie. Special Number 2. 1913.

Report of Bird Migration at Rossiten, 1911, Part 2, and 1912, Part 1. By Dr. J. Thienemann.

Ornithologisches Monatsberichte.³ Vol. 21. No. 9. September, 1913. (In German.)

Bird life on the Rovuma. By L. Schuster.

Breeding Habits of the Tern. By J. Thienemann.—Based upon observations at Rossitten.

On *Parus bokharensis* Licht and its nearest allies. By N. Sarudny and M. Härms. *P. b. panderi* described as new.

Description of two New Birds collected by Drs. Bluntschli and Mr. Peyer on the island of Marajo at the Mouth of the Amazon. By H. Graf

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² Edited for the German Ornithological Society by Dr. A. Reichenow. L. A. Kittler, Agent, Leipzig.

³ Edited by Dr. A. Reichenow. R. Friedländer and Son, agents, Berlin, N. W. 6, Karlsh. 11.

von Berlepsch.— *Amazona ochrocephala xantholæma* and *Zenaida jessieæ marajænsis*.

On the North African Buzzard. By D. Kleinschmidt.

Ornithologisches Jahrbuch. Vol. XXIV. Nos. 3-4. May-August, 1913. (In German.)

On the Capture of a Jay-Cuckoo (*Clamator glandarius*) and a favorable Locality for the Observation of Bird Migration. By O. Reiser.

Journal Notes in Jerusalem. By P. E. Schmitz.

Journal Notes on the Oder delta Country and Lower Pomerania. By R. J. Fromholz.

On the Ornithology of the Island of Corsica. By A. Laubmann.— A fully annotated list of 40 species.

Ornithologische Monatsschrift.¹ Vol. 38. No. 8. August, 1913. (In German.)

A Sketch of the Bird-life of Plauen and Vicinity. By F. Dersch.

Woodpecker and Squirrel, with colored plate.

Ornithologische Monatschrift. Vol. 38. No. 9. September, 1913.

Ornithological Sketches from Memmert, 1912. By O. Leege.

Numerous notes on bird study and bird protection in these and also in No. 10.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie.² Vol. V. No. 54. October 7, 1913. (In French.)

The National Park. By L. Lavanden.— Its protection to birds.

The Truth about the Birds of Prey. By F. Daguin.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie. Vol. V. No. 55. November 7, 1913.

On Eagles observed in France. By E. Anfric.

On the two new Birds of Paradise (*P. duivenbodei* and *P. raggiana sororia*). By A. Menegaux.— The latter proves = *P. intermedia* deVis, upon the relationship of the former several views are advanced.

Duration of Incubation in the Pigeons. By X. Raspail.

Ornithological Observations in the Vicinity of Setif, Algeria, 1895-1900 (concluded). By A. L. Charriere.

Ardea.³ Vol. II. No. 3. September, 1913. (In Dutch.)

Ornithological Investigations in Steil in Omstreken (1908-1912). By P. C. Riotte (concluded).

The 'Strophe' of the Meadow-Pipit. By H. Stadler and C. Schmitt.

Results of Bird-banding by the Museum of Leyden. By E. D. Van Oort.

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² Edited by A. Menegaux, 55 Rue de Buffon, Paris.

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