

educational work into the far off settlements of Alaska. The medium is an attractive booklet, containing well prepared accounts of the bird-life of the various portions of the territory compiled from the publications of Dall, Nelson, Grinnell, Osgood, Bishop, Bent, and other explorers of the extreme northwest; the 'Arctic Coastal District' being written by Mr. Nelson himself. The illustrations consist of half-tones, and colored plates from the series of 'Educational Leaflets' published by the Association, each being accompanied by its respective text.

This little volume is to be freely distributed among the people of Alaska, in the effort "to cultivate a better appreciation of the value to mankind of our wild birds and animals."

The book is admirably adapted to its purpose and should go far toward preserving an interesting and valuable fauna.— W. S.

Mrs. Bailey's 'Handbook of Birds of the Western United States.'
— **Fourth Edition.**¹— The excellence of Mrs. Bailey's well known 'Handbook' as well as the increased interest in ornithology through our western states are attested by the issue of a fourth revised edition of the work. While the main text is the same, important additional matter is contained in the 'Addenda.' The changes made in the nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-List are summarized, and lists of species to be added and eliminated are given, as well as a complete list of the birds of the western United States with their ranges, as they appear in the third edition of the Check-List. There is also an additional list of 'Books of Reference' bringing the bibliography up to date. All of these improvements tend to make this authoritative work still more indispensable to the student of western bird life.— W. S.

McIlhenny's 'The Wild Turkey and Its Hunting.'²— This work consists of two parts. Chapters III and IV treating respectively of 'The Turkey Prehistoric' and 'The Turkey Historic' are by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt; while the remainder, dealing with the hunting of this famous game bird and its actions in its native haunts, is compiled by Mr. McIlhenny, largely from the manuscripts of the late Charles L. Jordan, a life long turkey-hunter and manager of the Morris game preserve at Hammond, La. In his introduction Mr. McIlhenny says, "After Mr. Jordan's death . . . I secured his notes, manuscript, and photographic plates of the wild turkey,

¹ Handbook of Birds | of the | Western United States. | Including | the Great Plains, Great Basin, Pacific Slope, and | Lower Rio Grande Valley. | By | Florence Merriam Bailey. | With thirty-three full-page plates by | Louis Agassiz Fuertes, and over six | hundred cuts in the text. | Fourth Edition, Revised. | Boston and New York. | Houghton, Mifflin Company. | Riverside Press, Cambridge. | 1914. 12mo, pp. i-li+1-570. \$3.50 net, postpaid \$3.69.

² The Wild Turkey | and Its Hunting. | By | Edward A. McIlhenny. | Illustrated from photographs. | 12mo, pp. i-viii+1-245, 20 plates. Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City, New York. \$2.50 net.

and with these, and my knowledge of the bird, I have attempted to compile a work I think he would have approved. . . . I have carried out the story of the wild turkey as if told by Mr. Jordan, as his full notes on the bird enable me to do this."

Mr. Jordan had long been contemplating the publication of a book on the turkey and Mr. McIlhenny's aim has been to carry out his intentions. In this he seems to have been eminently successful and the habits, habitats, and calls of the bird are fully described while methods of hunting and calling the turkey as well as of cooking it, are treated in a manner calculated to interest the sportsman.

Dr. Shufeldt's account of the fossil turkeys is largely reprinted from his recent paper in 'The Auk,' while in his historical account the several races and their ranges are differentiated, and the anatomy and the eggs of the species, the early historic records, and the relation of the wild and domestic forms are discussed.

Much of the contents of the book appeared serially in 'Out Door World and Recreation.' — W. S.

Mathews' 'Birds of Australia.'¹ — The fourth volume of Mr. Mathews' work begins with the Anseriformes and the author presents a general review of the classification of these birds and the probable relationship and origin of the various Australian genera. His studies lead him to the recognition "that the hypothesis that the Australian Fauna considered as a whole reached the continent from the north has been rejected by nearly every recent worker in other branches" while he thinks "that all the available evidence points to *Antarctica* as a stepping stone" between South America, New Zealand and Australia. This however, is not necessarily his final view as he promises further consideration of the question, later.

The systematic treatment of the species follows the plan of the other volumes and both text and plates maintain their high standard. No new names appear in this installment. — W. S.

Kuroda's Recent Ornithological Publications.² — Mr. Nagamichi Kuroda has published a number of contributions to ornithology during the past few years. Most of these refer to the birds of Japan but two handsomely printed brochures on the *Anatidæ* cover the species of the world.

¹ The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Vol. IV, Part I, Withersby & Co., 326 High Holborn, W. C. October 6, 1914. pp. 1-80, pl. 200-209.

² Ducks of the World. By N. Kuroda. The Ornithological Society of Japan. 1912. pp. 1-64 + 1-2, 6 plates.

Geese and Swans of the World. By N. Kuroda. The Ornithological Society of Japan, 1913. pp. 1-118 + 1-2, 9 plates.

A Hand List of the Birds of Haneda and Tsurumi near Yokohama. [By N. Kuroda]. August, 1913. pp. 1-11.

Nests and Eggs of Japanese Birds. Including Formosa, Saghalin and Corea. By Nagamichi Kuroda. April 10, 1914. pp. 1-31.