

Shufeldt's Recent Papers on Avian Osteology and Fossil Birds.¹—

Following his paper on the 'Comparative Osteology of the Limpkin' (Anatomical Record, August, 1915), Dr. Shufeldt presents in the same journal another upon that of the Rails and Cranes. While in the body of this contribution he maintains his view set forth at the end of the former paper that the Limpkin is more closely related to the Rails than to the Cranes, in his conclusions he makes exactly the opposite statement. This, he explains in a 'Correction,' was due to an accidental substitution of a page from an old manuscript which was before him at the time, and which contained his former views on the matter. In spite of this, however, his conclusions seem to be hopelessly confused, as the scheme of classification set forth is not that of his earlier paper as he himself states in a footnote. Furthermore he distinctly endorses the arrangement of the Rallidae and Grues in the 1910 edition of the A. O. U. Check-List where the Limpkin is included under the Cranes.

A recent study of the type specimen of the remarkable fossil bird *Gallinuloides wyomingensis* described by Eastman from Green River shales of Wyoming, confirms the opinion of Lucas that the bird is 'galliform' and not 'ralliform' but Dr. Shufeldt differs from Dr. Lucas in referring it to the true grouse instead of to the neighborhood of *Ortalis*. Dr. Shufeldt proposes for it a new genus *Palaeobonasa* (p. 633) in case the canons of nomenclature are altered in the future to admit of the substitution of appropriate names for misnomers! — W. S.

Richmond on Necessary Changes in Generic Names.² — Dr. C. W. Richmond finds the current type designation of *Bolborhynchus* to be erroneous and *Myiopsitta catharina* Bon. is established as type, *Grammopsittaca* Ridgway becoming a synonym. For *Arara aymara* D'Orb. the supposed type of *Bolborhynchus*, a new name *Amoropsittaca* is proposed.

For *Stenopsis* Cassin, *Thermochalcis* (type *Caprimulgus cayennensis*) is proposed; *Oreomyias* Berlepsch becomes *Oreotriccus* (type *Pogonotriccus plumbeiceps* Lawr.); *Oreospiza* Ridgw. becomes *Oberholseria* (type *Fringilla chlorura* Aud.). *Lamprotes* Sw. becomes *Compsotraupis* (type *Tanagra loricata* Licht.); *Odontorhynchus* Leach becomes *Odontorchilus* (type *O. cinereus* Pelz.); all these names being found by Dr. Richmond to be preoccupied.— W. S.

¹ Comparative Osteology of Certain Rails and Cranes, and the Systematic Positions of the Super-suborders Gruiformes and Ralliformes. By R. W. Shufeldt. Anatomical Record, Vol. 9, No. 10, October, 1915, pp. 731-750.

A Critical Study of the Fossil Bird *Gallinuloides wyomingensis* Eastman. Jour. of Geology, XXIII, No. 7, October-November, 1915, pp. 619-634.

² Note on the Generic Name *Bolborhynchus* Bonaparte. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., p. 183. November 29, 1915.

Notes on Several Preoccupied Generic Names (Aves). Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., p. 180. November 29, 1915.