In an article on ‘Pests and disease of the cocoanut palm’¹ the same author notes that a small cockatoo of the Solomon Islands, which from the description is *Cacatua ducorps* (fide Alex Wetmore), does a great deal of damage by gnawing holes in small green cocoanuts.—W. L. M.

The Ornithological Journals.

The Behavior of the Least Bittern. By Arthur A. Allen.—Excellent illustrations from photographs.
The Nuthatches are the subject of the colored plate, with notes on migration and plumage of the several species.
The Educational Leaflet, by T. G. Pearson, treats of the Surf Scoter.
In the Audubon Society department there is a well illustrated article ‘Cruising the Klamath.’

The Chickadees are figured in the colored plate and their migration and plumage discussed.

Bird-Lore’s Sixteenth Christmas Census covers 25 pages.

The Yellow-billed Loon, a Problem in Migration. By W. W. Cooke.


Nesting of the White-tailed Kite at Sespe, Ventura County, California. By Lawrence Peyton.


Philadelphia to the Coast in Early Days, and the Development of Western Ornithology Prior to 1850. By Witmer Stone.


New and Interesting Bird Records from Oregon. By S. G. Jewett.

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Birds by the Wayside, in Egypt and Nubia. By Althea R. Sherman.

Owls as Regarded by the Scientist, the Agriculturist and the Sportsman. By R. W. Shufeldt.


Mississippi Kite in Nebraska. By D. H. Bailey.

A Two-year Nesting Record in Lake County, Ill. By C. C. Sanborn and W. A. Goéltitz.—71 species.

Five Hours on Butler's Lake, Lake Co., Ill. By W. A. Goéltitz.
Cardinals in Northeastern Iowa. By M. E. Hatch.


The Oologist. XXXIII, No. 2. February 15, 1916.
The Bald Eagle in Florida. By O. E. Baynard.

A Sketch of the Magnolia Warbler on his Breeding Ground. By Cordelia J. Stanwood.—With illustrations from photographs.


Cemeteries as Bird Sanctuaries. By T. G. Pearson.—Reprinted from ‘The Craftsman.’

A Revision of the Genus Haplopelia. By D. A. Bannerman.—Ten forms are recognized, two subspecies of H. larvata, six of H. simplex, while principalis and forbesi are given specific rank. The latter, it is thought, will prove to be the female of another race of simplex, its locality being at present unknown.

Notes on some of the Birds of Grand Cayman, West Indies. By T. M. Savage English.—Twelve species are added to Mr. P. R. Lowe’s list (Ibis, 1911). A colored plate of Spindalis salvini, benedicti and pretrei is given.

Notes on the Birds of the Jhelum District of the Punjab. By Hugh
Recent Literature.

Whistler. With Notes on the Collection by C. B. Ticehurst.—267 species listed, of which Riparia riparia indica (p. 70) from Jhelum, is described as new.

Notes on a remarkable Honey-eater (Woodfordia superciliosa North.) from Rennell Island in the Western Pacific. By C. M. Woodford.—With colored plate.

Studies on the Charadriiformes—III. Notes in Relation to the Systematic Position of the Sheath-bills (Chionididae). By P. R. Lowe.—This is an admirably prepared paper on an important subject. Dr. Lowe's studies lead him to the opinion that the Sheath-bill is not a connecting link between the Plovers and Gulls as Kidder and Coues suggested, while it does not seem to be very closely related osteologically to the Oystercatcher as some writers have contended. He finds not a particle of evidence to support Dr. Shufeldt's statement that "the skull of Chionis minor is a veritable columbo-gallinaceous one." Dr. Lowe considered that the evidence points to the Sheathbills having been differentiated from the main Charadriiform stock before it had split into the Plover and Snipe branches and prior to the differentiation of the Skuas and Gulls. They are however, a very specialized, not a generalized, group.

Incidentally Dr. Lowe emphasizes the "very literal and patent fact" that the Gull is only a highly specialized Plover.


Dr. Hartert described Stachyris leucotis goodsoni (p. 7), Borneo; and proposed the generic name Reinarda (p. 7) for Claudia preoccupied.

Ægialitis hiaticula tundræ (p. 7) is described as new by Dr. P. R. Lowe from the valley of the Yenesay, E. Siberia; and Mirafra cantillans williamsoni (p. 9) by E. C. Stuart Baker from Bangkok, Siam.

A general discussion was held on 'The Bearing of Oölogy on Classification.'


E. C. Stuart Baker described as new Mirafra assamica marionæ (p. 34), from Central Siam, and Dr. Hartert the following: Malacocincla septiaria tardinata (p. 35), Gunong Tahan, E. Malay Peninsula; Pomatorhinus schisticeps cryptanthus (p. 35), Margherita, Upper Assam; Erythrocichla bicolor whiteheadi (p. 36), Borneo; and Macronus ptilosus reclusus (p. 36), Kina Balu, Borneo. It was announced that the Birds of Paradise introduced on the island of Tobago in 1909 had bred, and five young had been raised.


Charles Chubb described the following new forms from Ecuador; Asio galapagoensis æquatorialis (p. 46), Pichincha; Cicaba albitarse goodfellowi (p. 46), Quito; Pyrgilena castanopterus (p. 47), Braza; Grallaria nuchalis obsoleta (p. 47), Pichincha; Automolus brooki (p. 48), Gualea. G. M.
Matthews described *Cookilaria cookii byroni* (p. 48) from Byron Bay, northern N. S. Wales.

A discussion was held on 'Bird Parasites and Bird Phylogeny.'

**British Birds.** IX, No. 7. December 1, 1915.


The Molts of the British Passeres with Notes on the Sequence of their Plumages. Part II. By H. F. Witherby.—This installment treats of the Fringillidæ. Part III covering the same family appears in No. 8.


Henry E. Dresser, An obituary notice by Lord Rothschild.

Some Birds New to the British List. Notes by several contributors.

**British Birds.** IX, No. 9. February 1, 1916.


**Avicultural Magazine.** VII, No. 2. December, 1915.

Some Firefinches and other Gambian Birds. By E. Hopkinson (continued in No. 4.)


Cassowaries. By Dr. Graham Renshaw.—Notes on breeding and rearing in the London Zoo.

Humming Birds in their Native Haunts [Argentine and Chili]. By F. E. Blaauw.

The American Bittern in Captivity. By I. Dorrien-Smith.


The European Goldfinch. By Dr. A. G. Butler.—With illustrations from photographs.

Sunbirds in their Native Haunts [S. Africa]. By T. E. Blaauw.


*Peccilodryas albipolaris.* By A. J. Campbell.—With colored plate.

A Trip to the Northern end of the Flinders Ranges. By S. A. White.

Nesting Habits of the Mistletoe Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*). By S. A. Lawrence and R. T. Littlejohns.

Notes upon the Yellow-mantled Parrot (*Platycercus splendidus* Gould). By H. L. White.


Birds of a Murray Island. By C. Barrett.


Procellariiformes in Western Australia. By W. B. Alexander.

Notes on the Ground Cuckoo-Shrike (*Pteropodocys phasianella*). By C. F. Cole.

Morning Song of the Noisy Miner (*Myzantha garrula*). By R. Hall.

Birds of the North and Northwest of Australia. By G. M. Matthews.

A New Parrot for South Australia. By S. A. White.— *Barnardius barnardi lindoi* (p. 115), Moolooloo, Flinders Range.

The Migration of Swallows in South Australia. By A. M. Morgan.

Aquatic Birds breeding near Adelaide. By A. M. Morgan.

A Sketch of the Life of Samuel White (cont'd). By S. A. White.


On the "Table des Planches Enlum." of Boddart. By G. M. Mathews and T. Iredale.— A list of new names proposed in this work and omitted in Sherborn's 'Index Animalium.' Among these is *Fringilla canadensis* for our Tree Sparrow, which will take us back again to the nomenclature of Audubon and his "Canada Bunting."

Additions and Corrections to my Reference List. By G. M. Mathews. *Austrotis australis melvillensis* (p. 51), subsp. nov. from Melville Isl., N. Australia.

*Pluvialis dominicus fulvus* description of the chick and immature bird.


A Contribution toward an Ornithological Study of Provence. By J. L'Hermitte (continued in Nos. 81 and 82).

Observations on the Birds of Newport, Belgium, during the War 1914–1915. By J. de Tristan.

The Snipe. By M. de la Fuye (continued in No. 80).

Birds and Electricity. By P. Bede.— Discussion of the killing of birds by telegraph wires.


List of Birds Observed at Lemnos in April, 1915 By Dr. M. Millet-Horsin.

Note on *Accipiter major* (Degl. & Gerbe). By F. Daguin.

Biological Observations on Birds of Kerguelen Island. By J. Loranchet (continued in No. 81).


Notes on a Collection of Birds from New Caledonia and Lifou. By L. Brasil.— The following are described as new: *Chalcophaps chrysochilora disjuncta* (p. 195); *Haliastur sphenurus johannae* (p. 201); *Pandion haliaetus microhaliaetus* (p. 201); *Sauropatis sancta canacorum* (p. 203) from New Caledonia; and *Tyto alba lifuensis* (p. 202), from Lifou.

Hunting and the Protection of Birds in French East Africa. By A. Menegaux.

**Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie.** VIII, No. 82. February 7, 1916.

Notes on a Collection of Birds from New Caledonia and Lifou (continued).

By L. Brasil.

Note on the Ornithology of Marocca. By A. Vaucher.

**Messager Ornithologique.** VI, No. 4.

A Journey to the Southeastern and Southern Parts of the Russian Altai and to Northwestern Mongolia. Main Ornithological Results. By P. Sushkin.
On the Ornithology of the Commander Islands. By B. M. Shitkov and S. G. Shchecker.

*Sitta europaea tawianae* nom. emend. By S. A. Buturlin (p. 311).—New name for *S. formosana* (nec *S. formosa* Blyth).

*Carduelis carduelis colchicus* subsp. nov. By Alex. Koudashev (p. 313).

*Muscicapa atricapilla sibirica* subsp. nov. By V. A. Chachlov.

Birds collected by A. P. Velezhanin in the Basin of the Upper Irtysch. By G. I. Poljakow (continued).

**Ornithologische Monatschrift.** XXXIX, No. 9. September, 1914.


Contains reports on the several German bird reservations.

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Williams, M. Y. Notes on the Herring Gull. (Ottawa Naturalist, November, 1915.)

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Butterfield, E. P. Observations on the Behavior of a Nestling Cuckoo. (Zoologist, January, 1916.)

Bragg], L. M. Royal Terns on Devoe's Bank [S. C.]. (Bull. Charleston Mus., December, 1915.)


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1 Some of these journals are received in exchange, others are examined in the library of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. The Editor is under obligations to Mr. J. A. G. Rehn for a list of ornithological articles contained in the accessions to the library from week to week.