

On the Ornithology of the Commander Islands. By B. M. Shitkov and S. G. Schtecher.

*Sitta europæa taivana* 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 Irtysh. By G. I. Poljakow (continued).

**Ornithologische Monatschrift.** XXXIX, No. 9. September, 1914. New Facts on the Method of Propagation in Cuckoos. By K. Wenzel.

**Ornithologische Monatschrift.** XL, No. 1. January, 1915.

Contains reports on the several German bird reservations.

### Ornithological Articles in Other Journals.<sup>1</sup>

**Piers, Harry.** The Occurrence of European Birds in Nova Scotia. (Proc. and Trans. Nova Scotia Inst. Sci., XIII, Pt. 3, 1912-13, printed April 3, 1915.)

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

**Rintoul, L. J., and Baxter, E. V.** Some Notes on Birds Moulting in their Winter Quarters. (Scottish Naturalist, January, 1916.)

**Ticehurst, C. B.** Notes on Migrants and Mould, with Special Reference to the Moulds of Some of our Summer Visitors. (Scottish Naturalist, February, 1916.)

**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.)

**Lucas, F. A.** The Beginnings of Flight. (Amer. Mus. Journal, January, 1916.)

**Thomas, Rose H.** White-collar Mendelising in Hybrid Pheasants. (Proc. Zool. Soc. London, 1915, pp. 279-284.)

**Mitchell, P. Chalmers.** Anatomical Notes on the Gruiform Birds. (Proc. Zool. Soc. London, 1915, pp. 413-423.)

**Miller, L. H.** The Owl Remains from Rancho la Brea. (Univ. of Cal. Publ., Geol. IX, No. 8, pp. 97-104.)

**Hankinson, T. L.** The Vertebrate Life of certain Prairie and Forest Regions near Charleston, Illinois. (Bull. Ill. State Lab. Nat. Hist., XI, pp. 281-303.)

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<sup>1</sup>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.

**Dennis, D. W.** Why do our Birds Migrate. (Proc. Indiana Acad. Sci., 1914, pp. 145-148.) The author considers that birds building protected nests or which are able to protect them do not migrate, and that the others migrate in search of safety in nesting! Some of his listed migrants are however resident over a large part of their range.

**Culbertson, Glenn.** A Note on a Peculiar Nesting Site of the Chimney Swift. (Proc. Indiana Acad. Sci., 1914, p. 279.) — In an old dry well.

**Beebe, C. William.** A Tetrapteryx Stage in the Ancestry of Birds. (Zoologica II, No. 2, pp. 39-52.) — Finds well developed quills on leg of young dove just behind the femur, considered to be remains of 'posterior wing.'

**Lashley, K. S.** The Color-Vision of Birds. I. The Spectrum of the Domestic Fowl. (Jour. Anim. Behavior, VI, No. 1, pp. 1-26.) Finds that the fowl is sensitive to difference of wave length in light, irrespective of intensity.

**Levick, G. M.** Natural History of the Adelie Penguin. (Brit. Antarctic Exped., 1910, Zool. 1, No. 2, pp. 55-84.) — The same material, in a general way, as is embodied in his recent book upon the penguins.

**Moulton, J. C.** An Account of the Various Expeditions to Mt. Kinalu, British North Borneo. (Sarawak Mus. Jour. II, pt. II, No. 6, pp. 137-176.) — Contains list of ornithological papers.

**Lewis, Frederick.** List of Birds Observed in the Vedda Country during July, 1914. (Spolia Zeylanica X, pp. 158-165.) — 129 species of Ceylon birds.

**Coward, T. A.** A Note on the Behavior of a Blackbird.— A Problem in Mental Development. (Mem. and Proc. Manchester Lit. and Philos. Soc., 1914, pp. 1-8.) — The bird returned again and again to combat its own image in a window. It seemed to remember the spot where its antagonist was to be found but did not profit by the experience of continual failure to reach it.

**Alvarado, Rodolfo.** Los Colibries Mexicanos. (Bolet. Dirrec. Estad. Biolog. Mex. I, No. 2, pp. 45-95.) — A compiled résumé with descriptions from specimens.

**Publications Received.**— **Chapin, James P.** Four New Birds from the Belgian Congo. (Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXV, Art. III, pp. 23-29, February 21, 1916.)

**Chapman, Frank M.** Diagnoses of Apparently New Colombian Birds. IV. (Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXIV, Art. XXIII, pp. 635-662, December 30, 1915.)

**Coale, Henry K.** Birds of Lake County [Illinois.] [History of Lake County, 1912.] (Chapter XIV, pp. 353-370.)

**Didier, Dr. Robert.** La Macareux du Kamtschatka. Supplement au No. 82 de la 'Revue Francaise d'Ornith.,' 1916, pp. 1-16.

**Grinnell, Joseph.** Method of Caring for Study Skins of Birds. (Proc. Amer. Asso. Museums, Vol. IX, 1915, pp. 106-111.)