

the physical features of each being described as well as the characteristic forest trees. We note that two Transition Zones are recognized; a 'Normal Transition' covering most of the interior, and a 'Humid Transition' occupying most of the coast, the Canadian being limited to a very narrow strip immediately on the ocean. The nomenclature is essentially that of the A. O. U. Check-List although certain forms not accepted in that publication are considered valid by Mr. Shelton, though his reasons are not stated.

In the introduction we learn that the distributions are based largely upon work carried on in the interests of the University of Oregon, while the collection of the Oregon Fish and Game Commission was also placed at the author's command. The half-tone illustrations are from photographic views of typical areas in the several zones.

Mr. Shelton is to be congratulated upon a very creditable piece of work, which will no doubt stimulate others to carry on local distributional work in Oregon on the same plan that Dr. Grinnell and his associates have done in California.— W. S.

McGregor on New or Noteworthy Philippine Birds.¹— *Leucotreron merrilli* (269) is described as new from Luzon while notes on the occurrence of *Platalea minor*, *Ardea cinerea*, *Totanus stagnatilis*, *Sporaginus amandava* in Luzon; and of *Pycnonotus plumosus* on Cagayan Sulu Island, the fauna of which is more Bornean than Philippine.

In *Platalea* Mr. McGregor found a curious diminutive feather at the base of the first primary. A note from Dr. C. W. Richmond is published in this connection calling attention to the discovery by Prof. Baird, many years ago, of similar feathers on the wings of Vireos.— W. S.

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird-Lore. XIX, No. 2. March-April, 1917.

The Great Blue Herons of Honeoye. By Verdi Burtch. An excellent study of a New York heronry, with good photographic illustrations.

The Purple Martin at Wichita, Kansas. By R. H. Sullivan. Migration and nesting data.

The Educational Leaflet treats of the Sage Grouse and Dr. Chapman discusses the plumages of the Marsh, Winter, House and Bewick's Wrens, with a colored plate by Fuertes, which brings this series to a close.

Bird-Lore. XIX, No. 3. May-June, 1917.

Our Neighbors of the Grape-Vine. By T. Macklin. A study of nesting Robins.

¹ New or Noteworthy Philippine Birds. By Richard C. McGregor. Philippine Jour. of Science, XI, No. 4, Sec. D, July, 1916. pp. 269-275.