

investigate problems of nomenclature. Some of them will probably be adopted and many of them rejected. Dr. Oberholser does not "propose" them for adoption but is simply listing them. In the reviewer's opinion we should adopt in our lists of North American birds the nomenclature of the A. O. U. 'Check-List' until a new edition appears, the names we use then have a meaning to those who constitute the great majority of our readers, otherwise they do not. This is, however, an explanation and not a criticism, as Mr. Harris has properly and consistently used the A. O. U. 'Check-List' names as his main headings.— W. S.

Baileys' 'Wild Animals of Glacier National Park.' — This excellent publication¹ of the National Park Service gives us an authoritative account of the birds and mammals of one of the most interesting of the National Parks. Mr. Bailey, Chief Field Naturalist of the Biological Survey, has prepared a most interesting account of the mammals, treating of their habits and distribution, largely from his own extensive experience. The bird portion by Mrs. Bailey, the well known author of the 'Handbook of the Birds of the Western United States,' is equally well done and places the visitor to the park in possession of just the information that he will desire in order to add to the interest of his trip and to place him in the position of knowing which of his observations may be worthy of permanent record. The keys for identification and the numerous half-tone illustrations from the authors' 'Handbook' and the publications of the U. S. Biological Survey, add greatly to the practical value of the report as well as to its attractiveness. The work, however, is much more than an ornithological guidebook, for Mrs. Bailey has consulted all the literature on the region as well as unpublished data and has thus compiled a report that is a valuable contribution to American ornithological literature, reminding one in many respects of the early faunal reports of the Biological Survey published under the direction of her brother, Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

We only hope that the success of this publication may warrant the Government in preparing similar reports upon the fauna of the other National Parks for many of which, curiously enough, we have scarcely any ornithological publications. Such a report as this on the mammals and birds of the Grand Cañon or the Yosemite would be a most welcome volume.— W. S.

Moseley's 'Trees, Stars and Birds.' — This novel little book² has

¹ *Wild Animals of Glacier National Park. The Mammals, with Notes on Physiography and Life Zones.* By Vernon Bailey. *The Birds,* by Florence Merriam Bailey. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington. 1918. Government Printing Office. Svo, pp. 1-210, numerous illustrations. Price 50 cents, apply Supt. Documents, Govt. Printing Office.

² *Trees, Stars and Birds. A Book of Outdoor Science* by Edwin Lincoln Moseley, A. M. Illustrated in colors from paintings by Louis Agassiz Fuertes and with photographs and drawings. World Book Company, Yonkers-on-Hudson, New York, 1919, pp. i-viii + 1-404, + i-xvi, over 300 illustrations. Price, \$1.40.

been prepared by Prof. Moseley as a school field and text book, but will prove of much service to many other classes of field students. The section on trees is especially suitable for autumn use, that on stars for winter and the bird chapters for spring, the whole designed to encourage students to observe and think for themselves. The plan is well conceived and well carried out, with many practical suggestions, pertinent questions and helpful lists of reference works. Better than all, in a work of this sort, each section has been submitted to a number of competent critics who have read the text and offered suggestions.

Taking up the section devoted to birds, we start with some practical suggestions for bird study in the field and then, beginning with the Thrushes, the various groups are considered in systematic order, while chapters on migration, classification, attracting birds, etc., are interspersed as we proceed. The work treats almost entirely of the birds of the Northern and Eastern States, and the extralimital species which are mentioned here and there have not always been wisely selected. The Russet-backed Thrush, the merest variety of our Olive-back, is referred to but no mention is made of the very distinct Varied Thrush, and again there is mention of the Florida Wren which only a specialist would recognize as in any way different from the Carolina Wren, while the Gnatcatcher is omitted altogether. It would we think have been better to have adhered rigidly to a definite geographic area. The same criticism also extends to the colored illustrations. There seems to be no excuse for introducing such species as the California Jay and Black-headed Grosbeak in a work where the other typical western birds are omitted, while worse yet is the labelling of the picture of the Bronzed Grackle, "Purple Grackle" and that of the Prairie Horned Lark, "Horned Lark." With such a wealth of admirable illustrations, too, it is hard to understand why such a wretchedly crude cut as that of the Summer Tanager on its nest should have been included. However, these are but minor points in an admirable book which cannot be too widely introduced into the schools of the east and which could well serve as a model for a similar work on western birds. Our country is too large to attempt to make one text book cover its entire area. The colored plates are mainly those published some years ago by the U. S. Biological Survey in the bulletin 'Fifty Common Birds of Farm and Orchard' and are admirably printed.—W. S.

Miss Ball's 'A Year With the Birds.'—Still another popular bird book¹ which has appeared recently is Miss Ball's 'A Year With the Birds' consisting of a collection of the best poems which have been written about birds together with a number of original verses by the author treating of the other familiar species. These embody the characters of the various

¹ A Year With the Birds, by Alice E. Ball, Illustrated by Robert Bruce Horsfall. 57 Colored Plates. Dodd, Mead and Company, New York City, 1918, 8vo. pp. 1-191. \$3.00.