

viduals having scarcely a metallic feather and it is suggested that the so-called *E. leyboldii* is merely a seasonal condition of *E. fernandensis*. Half-tone illustrations of the latter bird and nest from photographs are presented.

A summary of our knowledge of the avifauna of these historic islands shows that thirty species are known to have occurred on them. Of these twenty-four have been recorded from Masatierra and twelve from Masafuera. Nine species are indigenous, the two humming birds, the *Anaeretes* and the Sparrow Hawk being peculiar to the former island and the *Aphrastura* and buzzard to Masafuera, although stragglers of the latter species wander across to Masatierra. The thrush and the *Cinclodes* occur on both islands. Five petrels breed on the islands and the Domestic Pigeon and California Quail have been introduced. The other birds are accidental visitors, five from the South American mainland, five roving seabirds and three migrants from the north—the Short-eared Owl, Red Phalarope and *Buteo obsoletus*.

On Easter Island specimens of six of the twelve species said to inhabit the island were obtained, two of which are described as new: *Procelsterna caerulea skottsbergii* (p. 20) and *Pterodroma heraldica paschae* (p. 23). The nesting habits of the latter species are interesting. The soil of the island where this Petrel breeds was so hard that it was impossible for the birds to construct burrows and the eggs were therefore laid directly upon the ground amongst the grass.—W. S.

Geographical Bibliography of British Ornithology.—Part 5 of this valuable reference work¹ continues the Scottish counties and includes the island groups—the Orkneys, Hebrides and Shetlands, the ornithology of which is perhaps the most interesting of any part of the British Isles. One of the works containing reference to the birds of the Orkneys bears date of 1693, while the bibliography of the birds of the Hebrides runs back to 1703. Part 6 covers Ireland and brings the work to a close.—W. S.

Spring Migration Notes of the Chicago Area.—In an attractively printed pamphlet² bearing this title Messrs. J. D. Watson, G. P. Lewis and N. F. Leopold, Jr., have presented an annotated list of the birds observed by themselves and by Messrs. Locke Mackenzie and Sydney Stein in the Chicago Area with dates of arrival for the years 1913 to 1920 inclusive. The main list contains 237 species with five others, the occurrence of which is doubtful. The list seems to be very carefully prepared

¹ Geographical Bibliography of British Ornithology from the earliest Times to the end of 1918 Arranged under Counties. By W. H. Mullens, H Kirke Swann and Rev. F. R. C. Jourdain. Part 5, pp. 385–480 Part 6, pp. 481–558. Witherby & Co, 326 High Holborn, London. 1920.

² Spring Migration Notes of the Chicago Area. Compiled by James D. Watson, George Porter Lewis and Nathan F. Leopold, Jr. Privately printed. pp. 1–18. [1920.]