

Among other interesting nomenclatural points to which attention is called in this valuable paper is the fact that by Gray's designation the type of the genus *Picolaptes* is a species of *Xiphorhynchus* and the name falls into the synonymy of the latter genus while *Thripobrotus* a substitute name takes the same course leaving *Lepidocolaptes* Reich. as the proper name for this group. In this paper Dr. Hellmayr has made another valuable contribution to systematic Neotropical ornithology.—W. S.

**Kuroda on New Japanese Birds.**—In the last volume of the 'Dobutsugaku Zasshi' (XXXII, pp. 243-248 (1920)), Mr. Nagamichi Kuroda describes three new forms of Japanese birds as follows: *Milvus lineatus formosanus* (p. 243) Central Formosa; *Nyroca ferina ferinoides* (p. 243) Naneda, near Tokyo; *Campephaga lugubris asakurai* (p. 244) Central Formosa. The descriptions are given in both Japanese and English.—W. S.

**Gurney on Norfolk Ornithology.**—Mr. John Henry Gurney has recently published a bibliography<sup>1</sup> of his ornithological writings covering the period from 1866 to 1918 and dealing mainly with the birds of Norfolk, and also a list of references to the annual 'Ornithological Reports for the County of Norfolk' which he has prepared for the years 1879 to 1918. There are few local records of this kind covering so long a period of years. In this country the record of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club appearing each year in 'Cassinia' has now covered twenty years and is perhaps the longest record of the sort in America. As president of the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society Mr. Gurney has recently delivered as his annual address<sup>2</sup> on the ornithologists of Norfolk and their work which has been published in the 'Transactions' of the society.—W. S.

**Bulletin of the Essex County Ornithological Club.**—Another of the excellent publications<sup>3</sup> of this active organization is before us which fully maintains the high standard of its predecessor. Besides the many local notes and the account of the annual Ipswich River trip there are several articles of general interest. Mr. R. A. Nichols has an account of variation on the song of the Whip-poor-will. He presents much original observation and comment on the observations of others, and speaks of the difficulty of making a syllabic representation of bird song that will be satisfactory to another person. This has often occurred to us and we are inclined to think that the trouble is that, in many of the common syllabic representations, the attempt has been made to use actual words of the

<sup>1</sup> Articles on Ornithology and Ornithological Reports for the County of Norfolk. By J. H. G., 1918, pp. 1-8.

<sup>2</sup> Presidential Address. By J. H. Gurney, F. Z. S. Reprinted from the Proc. Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society, 1919-1920, Vol. XI, Part 1, pp. 1-22.

<sup>3</sup> Bulletin of the Essex County Ornithological Club. December, 1920, pp. 1-54. Price, 50 cents.