

Ornithological Articles in Other Journals.

Middleton, J. C. Birds and How to attract them about our Homes. (Canadian Field Naturalist, May, 1920.)

Townsend, Chas. W. Notes on the Summer Birds of the Gaspé Peninsula (continued) (*Ibid.*)

Mousley, H. The Diving Habit and Community Spirit of the Spotted Sandpiper. (*Ibid.*)—In addition to the publications cited by Mr. Mousley we might add L. L. Jewel, 'Auk,' 1915, p. 227.

Lewis, Harrison F. Among the Coffin Carriers. (*Ibid.* September, 1920).—Being an account of the Great Black-backed Gull.

Williams, M. Y. Notes on the Fauna of the Moose River and the Mattagami and Abitibi County Territories. (*Ibid.* October, 1920.) A list of the birds observed.

Lewis, Harrison F. Change in the Status of Certain Birds in the Vicinity of Quebec. (*Ibid.*)

Blackwood, G. C. Notes on the Breeding Habits of the Dotterel in Scotland. (Scottish Naturalist, Nov.-Dec., 1920.)

Brock, S. E. Bird Associations in Scotland (continued). (*Ibid.* Jan.-Feb., 1920).—An ecological study.

Ridgway, R. Diagnoses of Some New Genera of Birds. (Smithsonian Misc. Coll. 7, No. 4, December 6, 1920.)—*Oroaetus* (p. 1) for *Falco isidori* Des Murs; *Phaeoaetus* (p. 2) for *F. limnaetus* Horsf.; *Morphnarcus* (p. 2) for *Leucopternis princeps* Sclater; *Percnohierax* (p. 2) for *Falco leucorrhous* Ouou and Gaim.; *Hapalocrex* (p. 3) for *Rallus flaviventris* Bodd. and *Limnocrex* (p. 3) for *Porzana cinereiceps* Lawrence.

Gabrielson, Ira N. The Birds of Marshall Co., Iowa. (Proc. Iowa Acad. Sci. XXVI, pp. 47-75.) A continuation of a paper in the preceding volume, carrying the list to 201 species with five hypothetical.

Burkitt, J. P. The Relation of Song to the Nesting of Birds. (Irish Naturalist, January, 1921.)

Foster, N. H. Birds' Songs at Hillsborough, Co. Down. (*Ibid.* February, 1921.)—Supplements the preceding.

Swales, B. H. Rare Birds in the Vicinity of Washington, D. C. (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. XXXIII p. 181.)

Wetmore, Alexander. The Soft Parts of the Anhinga. (*Ibid.*)

Osgood, W. H. The Turkey as a Subject for Experiment. (Amer. Naturalist, January-February, 1921.)—Calls attention to the known origin of the domestic bird and the definite subspecies of the wild one, as well as the fact that the former has retained its subspecific characters through long domestication. Altogether the bird forms an excellent subject for genetic experiment, far better than most of those used, the origin of which is hopelessly obscured.

McAtee, W. L. The "One-Letter" Rule for Generic Names in Zoology. (The Amer. Naturalist January-February, 1921.)—The writer,

after calling attention to the failure of the various codes of nomenclature to cover the question of what constitutes a "different" name, finds fault with certain authors for following the A. O. U. Code, which is the only one that attempts to present a definite ruling. The criticism is entirely destructive so far as we can see, and no solution is offered. The results of the A. O. U. rulings may not be consistent, it is true, but questions of this sort have to be settled arbitrarily and inconsistency is bound to result. The wisest way would probably be to "let sleeping dogs lie" in such cases, and not propose new substitute names until we have some arbitrary board which will say "these names are the same, these are different." No rule can be framed that will do the work automatically. If the other extreme to the one Mr. McAtee criticises were to be followed as thoroughly, there would be just as many undesirable changes.

Illidge, R. The Channel-bill or Rain-bird. (Queensland Naturalist, II, p. 106.)

Owen, J. H. The Sparrowhawk. (Nature, CVI, p. 695.)—A life history with excellent illustrations from photographs of this British bird.

Hankin, E. H. The Problem of Soaring Flight. (Proc. Cambridge Philos. Soc. XX, p. 219.)

Hesse, Erich. On the Name *Columba pallida* Latham. (Mittl. Zool. Mus. Berlin, 8, p. 311.) [In German.]

Olsen, A. Madagassisk Bird Names. (Nyt. Magazin for Naturvid. 58, p. 65.) [In Finnish.]

DeQuiros, Jose L. Ornithological Excursion to Janda [Spain]. (Biol. R. Soc. Espan. Hist. Nat., XX, No. 7, p. 236.) [In Spanish.]

Berkmann, M. A comparison of the Birds of eastern and western Hanover. (Jarsb. Naturh. Gesell. Hannover, IV, pp. 48-82.) [In German.]

Anon. The Crossing of the North and South African Ostriches. The Success of the Experiment. (Jour. Dept. of Agric. Union of S. Africa. Nov. 1920, p. 737.)

Doderlein, L. [A "Leitmotiv" in Animals.] (Die Astersden der Siboga Expedition. II Gattung Lindia, p. 194.)—Suggests a "Leitmotiv" in every well defined and properly understood group of animals, which may or may not be of systematic importance. The wonderful development of plumes in male Paradise birds is cited as an example of such a "Leitmotiv," these plumes developing on the head, breast, back or tail as the case may be, but always present somewhere. [In German.]

Woods, Frederick A. A Random Test in the Theory of Protective Coloration. (Jour. of Heredity, XI, No. 6.)

Lanbmann, A. Critical Investigation into the Fixing of Genotypes in Lesson's "Manuel d'Ornithologie" 1828. (Archiv. für Naturgeschichte, LXXXV, abt. A., Heft 4.) [In German.]

Additional Publications Received.—**Hollister, N.** Report of the Superintendent of the National Zoological Park for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1920.