

A new name *Rhipidura flabellifera placabilis* (p. 583) is proposed for *R. f. kempfi* Matthews and Iredale of New Zealand, which is preoccupied.

The collection contains representatives of nearly 300 species but many of them represented by only one or two specimens, which as Mr. Bangs says renders subspecific determination not always certain.—W. S.

Miller and Griscom on Central American Birds.—This paper¹ includes descriptions of several new birds mostly obtained by the authors on an expedition to Nicaragua in 1917, and here published in advance of their final report. There are also comments on the status of certain other Central American forms. The new Nicaragua birds are *Ortalis cinereiceps saturatus* (p. 1), Matagalpa; *Creciscus ruberrimus* (p. 2) Jinotega; *Gallinula chloropus centralis* (p. 3) Metapa; *Asturina plagiata micrus* (p. 4) Chinandega; and *Ictinia plumbea vagans* (p. 5) Peña Blanca.

Crax panamensis Ogilvie-Grant the authors find indistinguishable from *C. globicera*, every one of the alleged characters being matched in a series of the latter species.

Commenting on Mr. Bangs' review of the Wood Rails of Central America, they fail to find any intergradation between *Aramides albiventris* and *A. plumbeicollis* and regard them as quite distinct species. On their recent expedition, moreover, they found a new race of the latter at Tipitapa, Nicaragua, which is described as *A. p. pacificus* (p. 11). *Aramis vociferus* they divide into two races, the typical form being restricted to Florida and the other *A. v. holostictus* (Cab.) ranging over the Greater Antilles and Central America.

In discussing the status of *Gampsonyx swainsoni leonae* Chubb. the authors' ideas became somewhat involved and a new edition² of this note has been issued to be substituted for the original. As we now understand it they recognize *leonae* and *swainsoni* as separable but on different grounds from those given by Mr. Chubb while *meridensis* Swann is regarded as a synonym of the former.—W. S.

Grinnell and Storer on Yosemite Birds.³—The publishers of Hall's 'Handbook of Yosemite National Park' have done well to secure the service of Dr. Joseph Grinnell and his staff of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology to prepare the chapters on natural history. Too often such work is intrusted to a compiler, with unfortunate results, but in this case the best authorities on the subject have been consulted.

Four chapters have been prepared by Dr. Grinnell and Mr. Storer

¹ Descriptions of Proposed New Birds from Central America, with Notes on other Little-known Forms. By Waldron DeWitt Miller and Ludlow Griscom. Amer. Mus. Novitates, No. 25. December 7, 1921, pp. 1-13.

² Errata (undated).

³ Life Zones of Yosemite National Park. By Joseph Grinnell, Director and Tracy Irwin Storer, Field Naturalist, Mus. Vert. Zool. Univ. of Calif., Hall's Handbook of Yosemite National Park, G. P. Putman's Sons, 1921, pp. 123-132.