

Merganser and there is a final chapter on conclusions in the matter of the extension of the breeding range in ducks.

Four of the chapters have already appeared in 'British Birds' but the others are here published for the first time. The work forms a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the Anatidae.—W. S.

**Chapman on South American Birds.**—In a paper on the genus *Pygochelidon*,<sup>1</sup> Dr. Chapman recognizes *P. cyanoleuca* of rather wide range in the mountains, *P. patagonica patagonica* of the South Temperate zone, *P. p. peruwiana* (p. 7) a new race from Peru, and *P. flavipes* (p. 8) a very distinct species represented by one specimen from Prov. Juvien, Peru. Interesting comments on the probable origin and distribution of the forms follow. In another contribution<sup>2</sup> Dr. Chapman describes eight new races and species from Colombia, Ecuador and Argentina including *Jacana scapularis* (p. 3) from western Ecuador, the first record of the genus from west of the Andes.—W. S.

**Wetmore and Peters on New American Birds.**<sup>3</sup>—*Teledromas* (p. 41) is proposed for *Rhinocrypta fusca* Scf. and Salv. *Dendrocygna bicolor helva* (p. 42), San Diego Co., Calif., is described as new, the North American bird proving to be separable from true *bicolor* of Paraguay. *Colaptes pitius cachinnans*, (p. 43) Argentina, is proposed as new and the genera *Pituipicus* and *Soroplex* are merged in *Colaptes*. *Brachyspiza capensis choraules* (p. 44), Rio Negro and *Saltator aurantirostris nasica* (p. 45) Mendoza, Argentina, are described, and Dr. Wetmore independently describes *B. c. mellea* (p. 39) from Paraguay<sup>4</sup> and three new forms of Tinamou;<sup>5</sup> *Rhynchotus arcanus* (p. 434). Parana, Argentina; *Nothura maculosa savannarum* (p. 435) Rocha, Uruguay; and *Calopezus elegans albidus* (p. 437), San Juan, Argentina.—W. S.

**Bangs on Philippine Birds.**<sup>6</sup>—This paper consists of comments on eight species and descriptions of five new forms all from extensive collections presented to the Museum of Comparative Zoology by Governor General Forbes. The new races are *Lalage niger mitifica* (p. 80) Lubang; *Aegithina*

<sup>1</sup> The Distribution of the Swallows of the Genus *Pygochelidon*. By Frank M. Chapman. Amer. Mus. Nov., No. 30, February 28, 1922, pp. 1-15.

<sup>2</sup> Descriptions of Apparently New Birds from Colombia, Ecuador, and Argentina. By Frank M. Chapman. March 2, 1922.

<sup>3</sup> A New Genus and Four New Subspecies of American Birds. By Alexander Wetmore and James L. Peters. Proc. Biol. Soc., Wash., 35. pp. 41-46. March 20, 1922.

<sup>4</sup> Description of a *Brachyspiza* from the Chaco of Argentina and Paraguay. *Ibid.* pp. 39-40, March 20, 1922.

<sup>5</sup> Three new Birds of the Family Tinamidae. By Alexander Wetmore. Jour. Wash. Acad. Sci., 11, No. 18, Nov. 4, 1921.

<sup>6</sup> Notes on Philippine Birds Collected by Governor W. Cameron Forbes. Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. LXV., No. 4. April, 1922, pp. 77-84.