

A Comparison of the Arrival of Birds and Flowering of Plants. By A. Moe.

Bird Sanctuaries in Norway. By F. Nansen.

Additional articles by Schaanning on Migration and on *Lyrurus*.

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**Baxter, Evelyn V. and Rintoul, Leonora J.** The Spread and Distribution of the Woodcock as a Breeding Bird in Scotland since the Beginning of the Nineteenth Century. (Ibid.)

**Townsend, C. W.** Notes on the Birds of Grand Manan, New Brunswick. (Canadian Field-Naturalist. (November, 1923.)

**Magee, M. J.** Bird Notes from the North Shore of Lake Superior, near Gorgantua, Ontario. (Ibid.)

**Munro, J. A.** The Necessity for Vermin Control on Bird Sanctuaries. (Ibid.)—The writer contends that Crows, Hawks and other predatory species were necessary in the past to keep species from increasing too rapidly and to kill off weaklings, but that now telephone wires, plate glass windows, oil seepage etc. take their place in this respect and that they should be killed off in bird sanctuaries if the species useful to man are to increase at a maximum rate.

The editor replies in another paper taking exactly the opposite view i. e. that a bird sanctuary is for the benefit of all birds occurring naturally in it, and that an abnormal increase in "useful" species is not the object sought. While we agree with the latter view we must admit that a sanctuary may become the shelter of certain very destructive animals which will be far more destructive than under natural conditions and which may therefore have to be kept in control, but no species should be exterminated

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**Henderson, A. D.** Nesting Habits of the American Goshawk.

**Preece, W. H. A.** The Concentration of Migratory Birds at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in the Spring. (Ibid. January, 1924.)

**Tate, R. C.** Some Birds of the Oklahoma Panhandle. (Univ. of Oklahoma Bulletin, No. 271, Oct., 1923.)—An annotated list.

**Littlejohns, R. T.** Bird Personalities of the Australian Bush. Natural

History, January-February, 1924.)—A beautifully illustrated article with photographs of the Lyre-bird, Laughing Jackass, Wood Swallow etc.

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**Lincoln, F. C.** A Note on the Food Habits of the Sharp-tailed Grouse (Ibid. p. 200.)

**Oberholser, H. C.** Chloronerpes Swainson versus Piculus. (Ibid. p. 201.)—Shows that Piculus must be used as the generic name for this group of Woodpeckers.

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**Chasen, F. N.** A Rare Petrel (*Oceanodroma manorhis*) at Singapore Isl. (Jour. Malay Branch Royal Asiatic Society I, p. 255. April, 1923.)

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**Berlioz, J.** Study of a Collection of Birds Obtained by the DuBourg de Bozas Expedition in Tropical Africa (1902-03). (Bull. Mus. Nat. Hist. Natur. 1922. No. 5 and No. 6.) [In French.]

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**Schouteden, H.** Note on the discovery of the Nest of *Pseudochelidon eurystomina* Hartl. (Rev. Zool. Afr. X. fusc. 3, pp. 323-328). [In French.]

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### The Naming of 'The Auk.'

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Editor of 'The Auk:'

Inasmuch as forty years have passed since the founding of 'The Auk,' a journal whose eventful and useful career every American ornithologist regards with proud satisfaction, one may recall the mild family tempest that raged over the choice of its name. It has been said that several of those who stood about the baptismal font would have sponsored very willingly quite a different title. For this reason the following skit, that appeared in the 'Boston Transcript,' January 23, 1884, and copied from one of the late J. A. Allen's scrap-books, now in the writer's possession, may prove interesting to those who have not read it.

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#### "A SONNET.

(Respectfully dedicated to the American Ornithologists' Union, by one of the Associate members, and *not* by John Milton.)

A book came out of late ye leped the Auk;  
Well printed was it all, and nobly writ;  
On which some wights did spend their wit—  
Some callow wights, I ween, who love to talk,  
Yet scarcely knew a handsaw from a hawk  
Unless the wind be right. They reckoned it  
An ugly name, most hideous and unfit,  
And some unsavory puns they did uncork.  
Mayhap the title should have been The Hen,  
Or else The Duck—both birds of mighty use;  
But most, I think, it would have pleased these men—  
Who pour upon The Auk such foul abuse—  
If after *them* it had been called; and then,  
Why then, 'tis plain, the name had been—The Goose."