

York like its predecessors is brim full of local notes on natural history most of which refer to birds, and includes also many observations from farther afield made by members of the Society while on collecting trips to various parts of the world. There is matter of interest to students in many fields of research all of whom should consult this volume and fortunately a good index makes it easy to sift out the data that each one may be looking for.

In addition to the notes presented at the meetings, there is a longer paper by T. Gilbert Pearson on 'Notes on the Winter Bird Life of South-eastern Texas' which is in the form of an annotated list of species observed during November and December, 1921, between Brownsville and Point Isabel and as far inland as Kingsville.—W. S.

Recent Papers by Peters.—In a carefully prepared review¹ of the Limpkins Mr. James L. Peters recognizes two species *Aramus scolopaceus* with two races—*scolopaceus* ranging from N. Colombia to Venezuela, and *carau* from Brazil to Argentina; and *A. pictus* with three races. The name *pictus* is quoted by Meyer from Bartram and replaces the familiar *vociferus* of Latham., while the races are *pictus* from Florida, Cuba and Jamaica; *elucus* from Haiti and Porto Rico and *dolosus* (p. 144) proposed for the race from Mexico, British Honduras and Costa Rica which Mr. Peters regards as distinct. While birds from Cuba and Jamaica are slightly smaller than those from Florida a comparable series shows no other differences and the race *holostictus* recognized by some writers, is therefore not maintained.

In another paper² a new race of *Geositta*—*G. cucicularia hellmayri* (p. 145) is described from Argentina.—W. S.

Grote on Birds of the Grasslands of New Cameroon.—This is an extensively annotated list³ with numerous notes on characters, relationship and distribution of the various species. Three new forms are described *Muscicapa (Alseonax) minima neumanniana* (p. 514) Omo Country; *Halcyon chelicuti hyllobius* (p. 90) Loango Coast; *Eremomela pusilla prosphaera* (p. 97) Kano.

A map illustrates the location of the various stations and an appendix by D. A. Bannerman, presents a list of the species obtained in the same region by Dr. Elbert, and now in the British Museum. Altogether the paper forms a valuable contribution to the avifauna of an interesting region.—W. S.

¹ A Review of the Limpkins (*Aramus Viellot*). By James L. Peters. Occas. Papers Boston Society of Natural History. Vol. 5, p. 141-144. January 30, 1925. pp.

² A New *Geositta* from Western Argentina. By James L. Peters. Ibid. p. 1, p. 145. January 30, 1925.

³ Beitrag zur Kenntnis der Vogelfauna des Graslandes von Neukamerun. Von Hermann Grote. Jour. f. Ornith., 1924, pp. 479-517; 1925, pp. 77-98.