

Van Tyne on the Birds of Charlevoix Co., Mich.—This is an annotated list¹ of about 120 species observed on an expedition supported by the Michigan Department of Conservation in the summer of 1923. Following the method of the plant ecologist the writer lists some twenty-three "habitats" but fortunately he does not use these regularly throughout the list in describing distribution and if for such terms as "edificarian" and "ruderal" simple English had been used, more persons would understand what he was talking about. The county under consideration has apparently not been previously investigated by the ornithologist and the paper therefore is a welcome addition to our knowledge of the distribution of Michigan birds.—W. S.

Tugarinow and Buturlin on the Ornithology of the Yenisee Government.—This paper² is a translation into German of the original published in Russian in 1911 and constitutes the fifth number of the 'Ornithological Literature of Russia,' edited and translated by Hermann Grote, which has been appearing recently. It consists of an annotated list of 285 species and forms a valuable contribution to Siberian ornithology.

Prof. Grote is to be congratulated upon making these publications in the Russian language available to ornithologists.—W. S.

Miss Sherman on the House Wren Problem.—Miss Althea R. Sherman has recently published several papers³ dealing with the iniquities of the House Wren in destroying the nests and eggs of other birds and seems bent on a campaign of extermination against the unfortunate Wren. She terms him a "felon" who "should be sentenced and the sentence executed without dangerous delay."

These articles have inspired others, some of which applaud Miss Sherman's attitude while some, written, we presume, by the class which she refers to as "ignorant and narrow-minded," indignantly refute her charges and give testimony that House Wrens in their vicinity do no appreciable harm to other species.

There is no denying Miss Sherman's statements as to these activities of the House Wren which have been known for many years, indeed the bird's success in driving all other species from his domain was fully described

¹ Notes on the Birds of Charlevoix County and Vicinity. By Josselyn Van Tyne. Printed from papers of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, Vol. I, IV, 1924, pp. 611-627.

² A. Tugarinow und S. Buturlin: Materialien über die Vogel des Jenisseischen Gouvernements. Russisch in; Mitt. (Sapiski) der Krassnojarsker Abt. der Russ. Geogr. Gesellschaft, Sekt. Phys. Geogr., Bd. I, Lfg. 2-4, Krassnojarsk 1911. Aus der ornithologischen Literatur Russlands. Berichte und Übersetzungen von Hermann Grote. V. Ausgegeben als Sonderheft zu "Falco" im Februar, 1925, pp. 1-252.

³ Down with the House Wren Boxes. By Althea R. Sherman. Wilson Bulletin, March, 1925.

The Problem of the House Wren. By Althea R. Sherman. Bird-Lore. March-April, 1925.