

Herrick on the American Eagle.—In a little pamphlet¹ issued by the Western Reserve University, Dr. Herrick presents a brief account of the life of the Bald Eagle with special reference to the pair at Vermilion, Ohio, condensed from his papers in 'The Auk.' One of the latter² describing nests and nesting habits has also been reprinted in the report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1924.—W. S.

Murphy on Oystercatchers.—In an important paper³ on the genus *Haematopus*, Dr. Murphy adds materially to our knowledge of this group. He settles the status of the bird from the western coast of South America by showing that it is a distinct form which he names *H. palliatus pitanay* (p. 1). He then considers the relationships and distribution of Oystercatchers in general, and finally lists the American species and subspecies, recognizing besides the European bird, which occasionally reaches Greenland, four species, of which *palliatus* is divisible into six races. The author has called our attention to the fact that he has inadvertently credited the subspecies *prattii* to Bangs instead of Maynard.—W. S.

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The Birds of Larchmound. By Robert Ridgway.—In 'Bird-Lore' for 1915 the author presented an account of his home at Olney, Illinois, which he had made into a bird sanctuary and now he gives us a resumé of his observations in the past ten years. His summary shows that forty-three species breed on the eight acres while sixty-three winter there. Larchmound, we learn, must now be sold and we earnestly hope that some arrangement may be made to preserve it for future generations as the bird sanctuary that Mr. Ridgway has made of it.

Thrills of an Eastern Ornithologist in the West. By Charles W. Townsend.—Field notes and experiences from Kansas through Arizona to southern California and thence north to Tacoma.

Summer Birds of an Iowa Farmstead. By Fred J. Pierce.

An Adopted Nestling. By Grace C. Meleny.—Chipping Sparrow and young Cowbird.

The Flicker Family. By Christine C. Crowell.—Study of a nesting.

A Ruby-throat Tragedy. By Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pagan.—Eight individuals perished in the cold and snow which prevailed in Pennsylvania on May 25, 1925.

¹ The American Eagle at Vermilion, Ohio on the Shores of Lake Erie. By F. H. Herrick. pp. 1-20.

² Nests and Nesting Habits of the American Eagle. By Francis H. Herrick, from the Smithsonian Report for 1924. pp. 263-278 with 3 plates. 1925.

³ Notes on Certain Species and Races of Oystercatchers. By Robert Cushman Murphy. Contributions from the Brewster-Sanford Collection—4. Amer. Mus. Novitates. No. 194. November 17, 1925. pp. 1-15.

⁴ Editor Frank M. Chapman, address Bird-Lore, Harrisburg, Pa.