

Arctic and expeditions were made in 1922, '23 and '24 to continue the scientific work.

The papers in the present collection which deal with ornithology are on the 'Courtship of the Red-throated Diver' by J. S. Huxley, 'Habits of the Red-throated Diver in Spitsbergen' by G. J. van Oordt and J. S. Huxley, 'Breeding Habits of the Glaucous Gull' by A. H. Paget Wilkes, 'Birds of Spitsbergen' by F. C. R. Jourdain, and on the 'Breeding Habits of the Turnstone' by Paget Wilkes and 'Breeding Habits of the Barnacle Goose' by Jourdain, most of which have already been mentioned in these columns.

The volume in all makes a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the natural history of this interesting island.—W. S.

Kirke Swann's 'Monograph of the Birds of Prey.'—Part V of this handsome work¹ completes the genus *Accipiter*, most of the species of which, following the English usage are termed "Sparrow Hawks" although our American species retain their familiar names of Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks. The Buteoninae are also begun, the genera *Erythrotriorchis*, *Megatriorchis*, *Heterospizias*, and *Geranoaetes* being covered as well as some of the typical Buteos.

Gundlach's Hawk, *Accipiter gudlachii*, a Cuban representative of *A. cooperi*, is regarded as a distinct species which is apparently extinct, since no specimens have been taken for many years. Under the name *Accipiter velox pacificus* the western Sharp-shinned Hawk is recognized, although long since rejected by the A. O. U. Committee.

The four plates represent races of *Buteo ferox*, *vulpius* and *buteo*; and phases and ages of *B. polyosoma*, while two are reproductions of photographs of the nesting site of *B. buteo* in Spain and a nest of Sennett's White-tailed Hawk in Texas.—W. S.

La Touche's Handbook of Birds of Eastern China.—Part II of this most welcome work² covers the Dippers, Thrushes, Flycatchers and Shrikes. The plan of the work has already been fully described and the present part maintains the high standard of its predecessor. *Cinclus pallasi wilderi* (p. 98) Chihli, and *Hemichelidon sibirica incerta* (p. 159) Lower Yangtse, are described as new but unfortunately the type specimen and a definite type locality are not indicated.

To us in America the presence of twelve forms of Robin and twelve Shrikes seems a bewildering abundance, so different is the make-up of the bird fauna of China and North America. Short keys to the species of the larger genera would seem to be desirable and would aid the student very

¹ A Monograph of the Birds of Prey (Order Accipitres). By H. Kirke Swann, London, Wheldon & Wesley, Ltd. 2, 3, & 4, Arthur Street, New Oxford Street, W. C. 2, pp. 277-364; pl. five. Part V, January 25, 1926. Price 26 s. net.

² A Handbook of the Birds of Eastern China. By J. D. D. La Touche, Part II. Taylor and Francis, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, London, E. C. 4. December, 1925. Price 7s. 6d., net.