

latus (p. 431). These together with the three Lower California forms, *senicula*, *aripolius* and *albigula*, give us seven races of *P. fuscus* from California and Lower California.—W. S.

In another paper¹ Dr. Grinnell describes a new White-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta carolinensis alexandrae* (p. 405), from the San Pedro Martir region of Lower California.—W. S.

Laing on Birds of the North Pacific.—This paper² consists of a list of the birds observed and collected on the cruise of H. M. C. S. *Thiepsal* along the coasts of the north Pacific, in 1924, from Vancouver to Bering Island and along the Asiatic coast to Japan. One hundred and twenty-five species are mentioned with critical notes by P. A. Taverner.—W. S.

Sushkin on Birds of the Russian Altai and N. W. Mongolia.—The main part of this paper³ consists of tables showing the distribution of 371 species and subspecies of birds in 22 regions which are represented in vertical columns while the bird names run horizontally. There are also descriptions of twenty-two new forms including a new race of the Herring Gull and one of the Common Tern.

While the text is mainly in Russian the names of the localities in the table are repeated in English and the same thing is done in the case of the diagnoses of new forms. The paper forms a valuable contribution to the ornithology of a little known region.—W. S.

Mathews 'The Birds of Australia.'—Part 6, of Vol. XII,⁴ completes the accounts of the Weaver Finches and begins those of the Orioles. The species here treated are some of the most brilliantly colored of the Australian birds, including the Gouldian, Crimson and Red-faced Finches.—W. S.

Wetmore on Fossil Birds from Nebraska.—Several years ago Dr. Wetmore published an account of some fossil birds obtained by the American Museum of Natural History in the Snake Creek quarries of Nebraska and in the present paper⁵ he considers some additional material obtained in 1923. These comprise the metatarsus of a Courlan upon

¹ A New Race of the White-breasted Nuthatch from Lower California. By Joseph Grinnell. Univ. of Calif. Publications in Zool., Vol. 21, No. 15, pp. 405-410. 1926.

² Birds Collected and Observed during the Cruise of the *Thiepsal* in the North Pacific, 1924. By Hamilton M. Laing. Museum Bull. No. 40, Victoria Memorial Museum, November, 1925. Price 15cts.

³ List and distribution of Birds of the Russian Altai and nearest parts of N. W. Mongolia with a Description of New or Imperfectly Known Forms. By Peter P. Sushkin.

⁴ The Birds of Australia. By Gregory M. Mathews. Vol. XII, Part 6, pp. 225-264, pls. 717-723. March 24, 1926.

⁵ Descriptions of Additional Fossil Birds from the Miocene of Nebraska. By Alexander Wetmore. Amer. Museum Novitates. No. 211, March 11, 1926. Pp. 1-5.