

The Ornithological Journals.

Bird-Lore. XXVIII, No. 5. September-October, 1926.

Thrills of an Eastern Ornithologist in the South. By Charles W. Townsend.—Down the Ohio and Mississippi to New Orleans and then to Brownsville, Texas, Florida and South Carolina.

We Watch the Ducks Come In—My Horse and I. By William Grattick.—A beautifully written sketch.

Notes on the Golden Eagle in Captivity. By M. G. Netting.

The Terns of the Thousand Islands. By Minna Common.

Some Useful Birds. By A. A. Allen.—An excellent paper with a plea for the transfer of the Yellow-legs to the non-game bird list.

The Condor. XXVII, No. 5. September-October, 1926.

Examples of Recent American Bird Art. By Harry Harris.—Account of the art exhibit at the Cooper Club's annual meeting with twenty-one illustrations.

How the Bird Census Solves Some Problems in Distribution. By May Thatcher Cooke.

The Faunal Areas of Baja California del Norte. By Griffing Bancroft.—No less than six districts are here outlined for this part of Lower California, viz., the Sandiegan and Colorado Desert, which reach over from southern California, and west of them the Delta, then to the south the San Pedro Martir and farther down the Vizcaino Desert, with the San Ignacio district entering the area on the southwest.

The California Forms of *Agelaius phoeniceus* (Linn). By A. J. Van Rossem.—Seven races are recognized and *A. p. mailliardorum* (p. 223) from Palo Alto, is described as new. *A. p. caurinus* enters the state on the extreme northwest coast while *nevadensis* comes in from the east; *californicus* is the form of the great interior valleys and *mailliardorum* of the San Francisco coast district. Then to the south there is *neutralis* of the San Diegan region; *sonoriensis* coming in over a small area in the southeastern corner and *aciculatus* one of the best marked forms with a very limited habitat in Kern Co. The variation in the shape of the bills due to age is quite as interesting and marked as the geographic variation.

Notes on the Birds of the Baboquivari Mountains, Arizona. By Stephen C. Bruner.

A new race is described by Mr. Van Rossem in the 'Field and Study' section.—*Dichromanassa rufescens dickeyi* (p. 246) San Luis Island, Gulf of California.

The Condor. XXVIII, No. 6. November-December, 1926.

James Hepburn, A Little Known Ornithologist Californian. By Harry S. Swarth.—A very interesting biographical sketch.

Studies on 1170 Banded House Finches. By Harold and Josephine R. Michener.

The Discovery of the Nest and Eggs of the Western Goshawk in California. By Milton S. Ray.

The Viosca Pigeon. By Chester C. Lamb.

Range Extensions by the Western Robin in California. By Tracy I. Storer.

A Form of Record for Amateur Ornithologists. By R. S. Woods.—Another card system of keeping notes.

In 'Field and Study' section, Dickey and van Rossem describe *Euthlypis lachrymosa schistacea* (p. 270), from Salvador.

The Wilson Bulletin. XXXVIII, No. 1. March, 1926.

The Barred Owl. By Edward von S. Dingle.—In South Carolina, with an excellent original portrait.

Kansas City as a Center of Early Ornithological Activity in the West. By M. H. Swenk.

In Search of Kirtland's Warbler. By N. A. Wood.—Considers the birds to be distributed in definite colonies, about one pair to the acre which is estimated to total about 5000 to 6000 pairs.

A House Wren Study. By Mrs. Marie Dales.—Opposite habits in two pairs of birds.

Birds of the Red River Valley of Northeastern Dakota. By H. V. Williams.

The Wilson Bulletin. XXXVIII, No. 2. July, 1926.

White Pelicans and Other Birds of Chase Lake, North Dakota. By Walter W. Bennett.

Color Reproduction of Bird Illustrations. By Harry G. Lotz.—An explanation of the method of producing color "half tones," with a frontispiece illustration from a painting of the Avocat by Geo. M. Sutton.

Behavior of the Blackburnian, Myrtle and Black-throated Blue Warblers with Young. By Margaret M. Nice.

An Iowa Bird Census. By B. D. Nauman.—Nine yearly lists of breeding pairs for two areas.

Birds of the Red River Valley of Northeastern North Dakota. By H. V. Williams (concluded).

In the editorial columns we find a discussion of species and subspecies which involves a recent review in 'The Auk.' The editor of the 'Wilson Bulletin' seems to have completely misunderstood our remarks, (a fact already commented upon in 'Bird-Lore' for July-August, p. 291). We did not say that the "accuracy" of subspecies should not be questioned but that we had no right to condemn subspecies simply because they did not happen to concern the work in which we were most interested, which is the attitude of most of those who object to them. The recognition of finely drawn subspecies in field studies of habits, etc. is unnecessary, as it is also in the matter of eggs; but it is of the utmost importance in mapping out distribution and formulating theories as to the origin of life zones and in tracing migration routes.

The crux of the whole matter however seems to us to lie in the fact that subspecies are not based upon the degree of difference but upon intergradation and we cannot treat them all alike, in studies or investigations where amount of difference is the chief point involved (see for further discussion of this point p. 000).

The Wilson Bulletin. XXXVIII, No. 3. September, 1926.

A Bird Sanctuary on Reclaimed Land. By F. M. Woodruff.—In Lincoln Park, Chicago.

The Autobiography of Franklin Lorenzo Burns.

Notes on Birds of Pinellas and Pasco Counties, Florida. By Wm. G. Fargo.

An Exoneration of the Purple Finch. By M. J. Magee.

Notes on the Evening Grosbeak. By M. J. Magee..

Special Studies of the Mourning Dove by the Bird Banding Method. By W. B. Taber, Jr.

The Oölogist. XLIII, No. 7, July, 1926.

Birds of Chickamauga Park, Georgia. By L. O. Pindar.—Apparently no specimens were taken and it is hard to understand how the Southern and more northern Downy Woodpeckers could both breed in the same locality. The association of the Junco, Veery and Cairns' Warbler with the Chat, Cardinal and other Carolinian species is also hard to understand.

The Oölogist. XLIII, No. 8. August, 1926.

Nesting of Ross' Goose in Confinement. By R. M. Barnes.

Nest Parasitism with the Mourning Dove. By P. B. Peabody.

The Oölogist. XLIII, No. 9. September, 1926.

Summer and Autumn Birds of Central South Carolina. By L. O. Pindar.—This list is more remarkable than that by the same author for Georgia. The Wilson's Plover, a bird found only on the sea beach is said to be "fairly common" near Columbia in the center of the state as also the Gray Kingbird which has in reality been taken but once or twice and then on the coast. Other records are just as startling, some of the species like Ward's Heron and the Lark Sparrow never having been seen before in the State.

A Captive Raven. By L. A. Luttringer, Jr.

The Murrelet. VII, No. 3. September, 1926. [Mimeographed journal.]

Birds Observed at Moses Lake, Grant Co., Washington. By D. E. Brown.

Nesting Notes on the Pacific Nighthawk at Tacoma, Washington. By E. A. Kitchin.

The Status of the Ferruginous Rough-leg in the State of Washington. By F. R. Decker and J. H. Bowles.

Common Winter Birds of Puebla, Mexico. By R. H. Palmer.

Destruction of Young Lambs by Crows. By C. deB. Green.

Numerous notes.—Robin eating a mouse, Steller's Jay storing food, parasitic flies on English Sparrows, etc.

Bulletin of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association. II, No. 4. October, 1926.

A Few Lancaster [Mass.] Bird Banding Notes. By Herbert Parker.

Home Life of the Black-throated Blue Warbler. By Katherine C. Harding.

Additional Experiences in Banding Terns at Tern Island, Chatham, Mass. By C. B. Floyd.

Recent History of a Pair of White-breasted Nuthatches. By Helen G. Whittle.—Remained in company for two winters and two summers and have raised at least two broods.

Ruffed Grouse No. 332439 of the Stone Bird Sanctuary. By Lester W. Smith.—A very tame bird.

The Bearing of a Knowledge of Nest Spacing among Birds on the Work of the Bird-Bander. By Charles L. Whittle.

Notes on Nesting of the Phoebe. By A. W. Higgins.

Banding Chimney Swifts at Patten, Maine. By E. O. Grant.

The Gull. VIII, Nos. 5 to 10. May to November, 1926.

The California Condor—A Modern Roc. By Walter Fay. (May.)

Visit to a Baird Cormorant Colony. By A. S. Kibbe. (June.)

The Surf Bird's Trysting Place—A Mystery no Longer. By A. S. Kibbe. (July.)

Bird Life on the Northern Prairies. By Carl R. Smith. (July.)—In the Dakotas.

Birds Seen in the Cazadero Region, Sonoma County, during June and July, 1926. By H. E. Hanson. (November.)

The Ibis (Twelfth Series). II, No. 4. October, 1926.

Local Changes in Distribution. By T. G. Longstaff.—Eight seasons' study of the numbers of species and individuals on a tract of eleven acres in England. Ecological elements seem to be the most weighty in affecting the number of species, and weather variations (temporarily) the number of individuals. "Only through ecological research" says the author, can we ever hope to attain a true conception of the laws of distribution and of the correlated habit of migration."

Notes on the Summer Birds of the West Coast of Newfoundland. By Ludlow Griscom.—An excellent historical review of the literature, and a discussion of the nature of the country and its avifauna, with an annotated list of 87 species. The author does not commit himself as to the status of several races of land birds recently described as distinct from the continental forms. There are excellent photographs of the country.

Picus vittatus and some of its Allies. By C. Boden Kloss.—*P. v. meridianus* (p. 689) from Lamra, Siam is described as new.

Birds of the Arrow Lakes, West Kootenay District. British Columbia. By J. E. H. Kelso.

The Birds of the Kangra District, Punjab. Part II. By Hugh Whistler.

On some Birds of Adamawa and New Cameroon: an Answer to some Criticisms and Remarks on New Forms recently Described by Dr. Herman Grote. By D. A. Bannerman and G. L. Bates.—*Emberiza affinis nigeriae* (p. 801) from North Nigeria and *Anthus rufulus lynesii* (p. 802) from Cameroon are described as new.

On the Characters of Hybrid Peafowl. By F. Finn.

Some Miscellaneous Notes on European Birds. By W. A. Payn.

Under "Notes," Dr. Sushkin discusses the classification of the Fringillidae; and there are mention of the Steller's Eider breeding in Norway, the boundary of the Palearctic and Oriental Regions in the Riu Kiu Islands, a revision of the Cisticolas, etc.

Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club. No. CCCVIII. November 6, 1926.

Mr. J. Delacour describes 31 new species and subspecies from Annam and Laos, he also states that comparison shows that *Dryonastes grahami* Riley is identical with *D. maesi* Oustalet.

New races are described as follows: *Alauda arvensis lönnbergi* (p. 23) by Hachisuka, from Saghalien; *Erithacus rubecula lauraudeni* (p. 24) Tunisia and *Certhia brachydactyla raisulii* (p. 25) Little Atlas, by Bannerman; *Strix aluco obscuratus* (p. 39) Caspian Sea, by B. Stegmann. W. L. Sclater discussed various African birds describing several new forms and Dr. Sushkin proposes six new races of Palaearctic game birds and Mr. Stuart Baker five new oriental forms. Lord Rothschild discusses the one-wattled Cassowaries and Mr. Bunyard describes the egg-laying of a Cuckoo which was under observation last year and which laid 15 eggs in 1926.

British Birds. XX, No. 4. September, 1926.

Notes on Alberta Waders. By William Rowan. Part III. Turnstone, Bartram's Sandpiper, Sanderling, Knot and Dunlin.

A Study of the Robin by Means of Marked Birds. By J. P. Burkitt. Fifth Paper.—Interesting data of various kinds based on a study of 88 individuals, feeding habits, song, molting, length of life, etc.

The Egg-devouring habit of the Cuckoo. By Geo. R. Humphreys.

British Birds. XX, No. 5. October, 1926.

The Eggs of the Sparrow Hawk. By J. H. Owen.—Measurements of sets from the same bird.

Field Notes from Lakeland. By R. H. Brown.

British Birds. XX, No. 6. November, 1926.

Notes on Alberta Waders. By William Rowan. Part IV. Sand-pipers.—Beautifully illustrated by photographs and drawings.

Avicultural Magazine. IV, Nos. 9–11. September, October and November, 1926.

Further Notes on Rhodesian Birds. By Sidney Porter. (Sept.)

Japanese Aviculture. By J. Delacour. (Sept.)

Notes on Birds of Mt. Selinda, Gazaland. By Sydney Porter. (Oct. and Nov.)

A Blue Alexandrine Parrakeet. By A. Ezra. (Nov.) “Lutines” or yellow varieties of green parrots are rather frequent both wild and in captivity but blue forms are rare. The former seem to be usually females while such of the latter as are known are males. The bird here described and figured is mated to a female “lutine” of the same species but so far their eggs have been infertile.

Nesting of Brazilian Rails in Captivity. By W. Shore Bailey. (Nov.)

Articles on various parrots illustrated by excellent color plates by a new process.

The Oölogical Record. VI, No. 3. September, 1926.

The Southern Scrub Robin, *Drymodes brunneopyga*. By J. A. Ross.

The Emu. XXVI, No. 2. October, 1926.

Habits of the Boobook Owl (*Ninox boobook*). By D. H. Fleay.

Prince Edward’s Lyre Bird Revisited. By Spencer Roberts.

Mistletoe Birds as Plant Distributors. By G. A. Heumann.

Economic Value of the Stubble Quail. By J. R. Kinghorn.

The Charming Crescent Honey-eater. By D. Dickison.

British and Australian Birds.—A Comparison. By H. Wolstenholme.

Birds of Cobark, N. S. W. By W. J. Enright and J. Hopson.

South Australian Ornithologist. VIII, No. 7. July, 1926.

Notes on the Birds of Kangaroo Island. By J. B. Cleland, A. M. Morgan, E. Ashby, and J. Sutton—six articles, also one on the Extinct Emus of Kangaroo Island and Elsewhere. By W. Howchin.

Revue Francaise d’Ornithologie. (Eleventh series.) 18, No. 208–210 August to October. [In French.]

Why do Modern Ornithologists Find it so Difficult to Agree on the Question of Subspecies? By O. de Zedlitz.

An Ornithologist’s Trip through Africa. By L. Levauden.

The Alpine Tit. By H. Jouard.

Bibliography of the Ornithological Faunas of French Regions (Continued.) By M. Legendre.

Contributions to the Ornithology of Algeria. By H. Heim de Balsac.

L'Oiseau. VII, Nos. 6 to 9. June to September, 1926. [In French.]
Articles on Parrots by several authors with the same excellent color plates as are used in the 'Avicultural Magazine.'

Birds of Foxwarren. By J. Delacour. (June.)—Mr. Alfred Ezra's aviary.

Recollections of a Naturalist in French West Africa. By H. N. Millet Horsin. (June and July.)

On Tranninh. By J. Delacour.—In French Indo China.

Some Collections of Living Birds in the United States. By J. Delacour. (July.)—Accounts of visits to the zoological gardens of New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

The Birds of Japan. By J. Delacour. (Aug.)

Some Notes on the Treatment of Avian Diptheria. By G. Charpentier-Denieau. (Sept.)

Catching of Crows in Nets in the Valley of Doubs. By A. Chappellier. (July, Aug., Sept.)

Journal für Ornithologie. LXXIV, No. 4. October, 1926. [In German.]

The Diffusion of the Serin (*Serinus canaria serinus*). A Contribution to Zoogeography. By Ernst Mayr.

Dr. Marcus zum Lamm (1606) as an Ornithologist. By A. Schwan.

On the Bibliography of the Writings of F. A. von Pernan and H. F. von Gochausen. By E. Stresemann.

Review of the Russian Forms of *Lagopus mutus*. By P. Sserebrowsky.—*L. m. pleskei* (p. 696) Siberia, described as new.

New subspecies of Palaearctic Birds. By N. Gawrelenko.—*Galerida cistata mollschanowi* (p. 699) Sevastopol and *Porzana parva illustris* (p. 700) Tarim River, Turkestan.

Contributions to the Breeding and Life Histories of Birds of German East Africa. By L. Schuster. Part III.

The Formation of the Formenkreis *Poicephalus senegalus*. By H. Grote. *P. s. adolphi-friderici* (p. 746) Badingoua, French Equatorial Africa.

The Formenkreis *Myrmecocichla nigra* and *arnotti*. By R. Neunzig.—*M. a. harteri* Zp. (p. 754) Malange.

Journal für Ornithologie. Sonderheft. 1926. [In German.]

Avifauna of Egypt. By Alex. Koenig.—Coniostres, Columbæ, Rasores and Grallatores.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte. 34, No. 5. September-October, 1926. [In German.]

Ornithological Results of P. Spatz's Explorations on the Rio de Oro. By E. Stresemann.

Eremophila bilopha elegans (p. 136) and *Struthio camelus spatzi* (p. 138) described as new.

Remarks on Birds of the North Atlantic. By F. Solomonsen.

Notes on the Ornithology of Crete. By G. Schiedel.

Two New Forms from Zanzibar and Cameron. By H. Grote. *Acrocephalus baeticatus suahelicus* (p. 145) Zanzibar, and *Saxicola torquata voeltzkowi* (p. 146) Great Comoro.

In the "Notes," *Apatelornis* (n. g.) *wachei* Reichenow (p. 146) Gambia, *Motacilla claviventris icterica* Stresemann (p. 147) Madagascar, and *Cinnyris humbloti mohelica* (p. 147) Moheli are described as new.

Ornithologische Monatsberichte. 34, No. 6. November, 1926. [In German.]

Breeding Habits of *Tringa hypoleuca*. By G. Stein.—Evidence of brooding by the male as has been described by van Rossem in the case of the allied American *T. solitaria*

Migration Observations of *Branta leucopsis* in the Munduns Region of the Elbe. By F. Tantow.

Breeding Studies of Pomeranian Birds. By P. Robien.

On Birds from Southeast Celebes. By R. Rensch.—*Turacoena menadensis elberti* (p. 175) described as new.

In Notes, *Cinnyris chalybeus gertrudis* (p. 183) is described as new by Grote from German East Africa.

Contributions to the Development of Birds. II, No. 5. September, 1926. [In German.]

On Ostriches and Ostrich Eggs from the Rio de Oro. By Paul Spats.

Breeding of the Black Cock. By E. Christoleit (continued in Nov.).

Ornithological Results of Two Short Trips to the Balearic and Pityusae Islands. By O. P. Henrici. (Continued in Nov.)

Observations of *Circus cyaneus* and *C. pygargus*. By L. Schuster. (Continued in Nov.)

Life Histories of Some Little Known Palearctic Birds. By H. Grote.

Contributions to the Development of Birds. II, No. 6. November, 1926. [In German.]

Observations of the Eyries of Eagles. By C. Hilgert.

On the Nesting and Song of Brazilian Birds. By K. Guenther.

Ornithologische Beobachter. XXIII, No. 10. July, 1926. [In German.]

On the Meteorological Conditions of Bird Flight. By V. Haecker.

The Division of Ornithology according to Biological Sciences. By V. A. Corti.

Here and There in Egypt and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. By A. Mathey Dupraz.

Ornithologische Beobachter. XXIII, No. 11. August, 1926.—XIV, No. 1. [In German.]

Some Ornithological Observations on a Voyage from Bremen to Madeira. By H. Noll-Tabler. (August.)

The Pheasant in Thurgan. By A. Stierlin. (Sept.)

The Northern Jerfalcons. By A. Hess. (Oct.)

Bulletin of the Schlesian Ornithological Society. XII. 1926. [In German.]

Song Studies. By H. Stadler.

The Knowledge of the Speed of Bird Flight formerly and now. With special reference to the Crow. By K. Radig.

Danske-Fugle. Organ of the Danish Ornithological Central. 1926. No. 1. [In Danish.]

Entirely devoted to bird banding records with maps showing returns. 206 *Ardea cinerea* were banded with 50 returns; 112 *Ciconia nigra* with 27 returns and 1950 *Ciconia alba* with 120 returns.

Norsk Ornithologisk Tidsskrift. (Second series.) VII, No. 2. 1926-7. [In Norwegian.]

On the "Speculum boreale" and its Author. By A. B. Wessel.

Observations on Bird Life at Hornsund, Svalbard, from Autumn 1923 to Spring 1924. By S. Kristofferson.

Modern Ornithology—A Contribution to Species, Subspecies and Nomenclature. By E. Lenn Schioler.

Breeding of Steller's Eider in Norway. By F. C. R. Jourdain. [In English.]

Motacilla cinerea cinerea, in Scandinavia. By H. T. L. Schaanning.

Recorded Observations. IV and V. By H. T. L. Schaanning.

Limosa limosa in the Norwegian Fauna. By H. T. L. Schaanning.

On the Bird Life of Hardanger. By A. Bernoft-Osa.

The Sixth International Ornithological Congress. By H. T. L. Schaanning.

Aquila. XXXII-XXXIII. 1925-1926. [In Hungarian and German.]

The Modern Method in Rook Investigation. By T. Csorgey.

Report on Bird Banding in Hungary in 1924 and 1925. By Jacob Schenk.

Bird Migration Dates for Hungary. By Koloman Warge.—1924 and 1925.

The Distribution of the Serin in Hungary. By J. Schenk.

Snow Geese in Hungary. By J. Schenk.

Larus hyperboreus in Hungary. By N. Vasvari.

Northern Wild Geese in Hortobagy. By T. Tarjan and L. Sz omjas.

Observations on the Ural Owl. By A. Hrabar.—Food.

The Art of Bird Catching in Italy. By G. Vallon.

Numerous short notes.