

The Cornell Ornithological Laboratory Notebook.¹—Various blank forms and notebooks have appeared from time to time for the recording of observations on birds but the present book prepared by Prof. Arthur A. Allen, the late Louis Agassiz Fuertes and M. D. Pernie all of the department of ornithology at Cornell University is the best we have seen.

The bulk of the volume consists of sheets in a loose leaf binder, bearing outline sketches of the birds of central New York, one to the page, and on opposite pages maps upon which the summer and winter ranges of the species may be charted, while the outline figures may be colored with crayons. Data on various subjects, nest, eggs, migration, song, etc. may also be entered in spaces provided for them.

The introductory pages contain diagrams of feather arrangement and structure; skeleton; a key to North American families with outline heads and feet; a key to birds' nests with many half-tone illustrations; and a list of the birds of central New York with character and time of occurrence.

The data are to be obtained from field and laboratory study and entered in their proper place thus emphasizing the facts concerning each species, while the coloring of outline figures impresses the color pattern of each bird as can be done in no other way.

We heartily commend the notebook to every institution where ornithology is taught and to beginners who desire to obtain a serious knowledge of the subject, especially when no preceptor is available.—W. S.

Fifty Spring Birds of Eastern North America.—The second set of bird cards prepared by the National Association of Audubon Societies is before us and carries on the excellent idea initiated with the set of fifty winter birds noticed in the January 'Auk'. All that we said in praise of the first set applies to this second offering which is evidently intended to cover only the early spring birds although this is not emphasized in the title. The bulk of the Warblers, the Tanager, Rosebreast and Flycatchers, which are perhaps even more characteristic of spring than those included, are evidently reserved for a future set.

Major Brooks has in the majority of cases portrayed the birds in characteristic poses and the color reproduction is usually excellent, although the difference between the two races of Palm Warbler is entirely lost and the Louisiana Water-Thrush is too much of an olive.

This set, we are informed, has been prepared under the direction of Dr. F. M. Chapman while the text is by Alden H. Hadley. We congratulate the Association upon the continuance of this most important educational project and take this opportunity of correcting an error in our former review in which we stated that the Pine Siskin had been omitted failing to note that it was included on the card with the Redpoll.

Everyone interested in birds or desiring to interest others should have

¹ General Ornithology Laboratory Notebook. In Looseleaf Flexible Cover 8½ x 11 inches. The Comstock Publishing Co., Ithaca, N. Y. Price \$4.00.