

Henry's 'Birds of Ceylon.'—The third part of G. M. Henry's notable plates of the Birds of Ceylon¹ with descriptive text by W. E. Wait has recently been issued, including reproductions of sixteen more of the artist's admirable paintings. They cover a wide range of subject, a Trogon, Swiftlet, Hornbill, Jay, and many small Passerine birds as well as Lafayette's Jungle Fowl, and well demonstrate the variety of bird life and the brilliant plumage to be found on the island. The notice of the first part of the work will be found in 'The Auk' for 1928, p. 240.—W. S.

Snyder and Logier on Ontario Vertebrates.—This paper² is a study of the vertebrate animals of King Township, York Co., Ontario, which lies close to Toronto, and is the result of local collecting for the Ontario Museum. After some general remarks Mr. Snyder presents a well annotated list of the mammals and birds and Mr. Logier of the reptiles and amphibians, the list of birds comprising 112 species.

A notable observation was that of a young Song Sparrow, a bird of the year, singing on August 1, a song recognizable as a Song Sparrow's song but with a harsh rasping quality. In this connection we notice that the symbol "Yg." is used for young of the year and "Im." for birds "known to be in their second year" though we are not informed how this definite determination of age was ascertained. It seems unfortunate that so many different terms are used to denote young birds when the late Dr. Dwight took so much pains to point out the several plumages and molts and to establish a definite nomenclature for them. Uniformity in this matter is greatly to be desired.

Mr. Snyder has made an important addition to local papers dealing with the avifauna of Ontario.—W. S.

Fuller and Bole on Wyoming Birds. This well printed pamphlet³ is a report upon a collection of 172 specimens of birds made by the authors on three trips to western Wyoming and deposited in the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. The annotated list of 122 species is well prepared and adds to our knowledge of the local distribution of the birds mentioned. The identifications were made by Dr. H. C. Oberholser and the nomenclature follows his views.

The report is attractively gotten up, well printed on heavy paper and illustrated with nine beautiful photogravure plates, mainly of scenery

¹ Coloured Plates of the Birds of Ceylon. By G. M. Henry with a short description of each bird by W. E. Wait. Part III. With sixteen colored plates. Published by the Ceylon Government, 1930. Delau & Co., Ltd. 32 Old Bond Street, London. W. 1. Price £1. 10s.

² A Faunal Investigation of King Township, York County, Ontario By L. L. Snyder and E. B. S. Logier. Trans. Royal Canadian Inst., XVII, Part 2, pp. 167-208. 1930.

³ Observations on Some Wyoming Birds. By Arthur B. Fuller and B. P. Bole, Jr. Scientific Publ. of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Vol. I, No. 2, pp. 37-80, pls. VII-XVI, September 27, 1930.

but two of them depicting Cliff Swallows' nests and one a young Swainson's Hawk.

Crabb on Woodpeckers of Oklahoma.—Mr. Crabb has found fifteen species and subspecies of Woodpeckers in the state of Oklahoma; each is described in detail in the present pamphlet¹ with an account of its habits, food, call notes, etc., and a bibliography of literature consulted is appended. The publication should be of service in giving to the public information on these valuable birds and arousing a greater interest in them. There are several halftone illustrations of structural characters and plumage. It is a publication of the University of Oklahoma Biological Survey.—W. S.

Birds of the Virgin Islands.—Prof. S. T. Danforth of the University of Porto Rico has published² his records of birds observed or collected on several trips to the various islands of the Virgin Island group. Fifty-eight species are listed with annotations dealing especially with food. Appended to the paper is another³ by Harry A. Beaty, of St. Croix, summarizing his many years study of the birds of this island, including observations on habits, abundance etc., and descriptions of the nests and eggs. This list comprises 88 species among which is the first record of the Canada Warbler for the West Indies and several first records for St. Croix.

The two papers present the most complete account that we have of the birds of the Virgin Islands although Dr. Wetmore has listed all the Virgin Island records known to him in his more comprehensive 'Birds of Porto Rico.'—W. S.

Grote on the Wintering of Palaearctic Birds in Africa.—This paper⁴ is a compilation of winter records in Africa of a long list of Palaearctic birds with references to a bibliography of 184 titles of papers dealing with African collections and explorations.

The author discusses the records with regard to routes of travel and dates of occurrence and differentiates between the ranges of subspecies of the same form which are found in Africa during winter. He has performed an excellent service which will be of much assistance to students of migration and geographic distribution.—W. S.

¹ The Woodpeckers of Oklahoma. By Edward Drane Crabb. University of Colorado. Publ. Univ. Oklahoma. Vol. II, No. 3, 1930, pp. 111-158.

² Bird Records from the Virgin Islands. By Stuart T. Danforth.

³ Birds of St. Croix. By Harry A. Beaty. Reprinted from the Journal of the Dept. of Agriculture of Porto Rico. Vol. XIV, No. 3, July, 1930, pp. 107-150.

⁴ Wanderungen und Winterquartiere der paläarktischen Zugvögel in Afrika. Von Hermann Grote. Sonderabdruck aus: Mitteilungen aus dem Zool. Mus. in Berlin. XVI, Heft 1, pp. 1-116. 1930.