

This volume is very interesting reading and gives one a vivid account of the islands and the arduous work of the expedition. One of the chief objectives was the securing of a series of the great tortoises for which the Galapagos are famous and naturally there is much about these interesting animals, of which no less than 266 specimens were obtained. There are sixteen excellent half-tones from photographs of scenery.—W. S.

**Uchida's 'Birds of Mt. Fuji.'**—The second volume of 'Photographs of Bird Life in Japan'<sup>1</sup> is very properly devoted to the species found on the most famous mountain of the Empire. On the northern slope of Mt. Fuji the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in 1924 established a bird preserve of some 30,000 hectares (about 75,000 acres) in an effort to protect the native insectivorous birds. These include 176 species of which 7 are permanent residents, 50 summer residents, 56 migrants, 45 winter residents, 16 birds of passage, and 2 stragglers. No less than 116 species remain to breed. The significance of these figures is apparent on comparison with the number found in the vicinity of Tokyo where only about 30 species breed although more than 200 are found at various times, due to the large number of migrants and winter residents. The large list of birds which breed about the base of Mt. Fuji is due to the extensive area of virgin forests and the varied topographic and ecological conditions ranging from steep mountain slopes to swamps and lakes that furnish ideal conditions for various species. On the other hand in autumn and winter when the summer residents and migrants have departed the area is comparatively deserted.

In an attractive series of 58 plates about 40 of the more conspicuous species are illustrated from photographs of the birds with their nests and eggs, each accompanied by a brief description in Japanese and English. The plates are preceded by an introduction of six pages of text describing the several areas of the region and are followed by a nominal list of the 176 species of Mt. Fuji, arranged by families, and accompanied by Japanese and scientific names. The text in the body of the book is entirely popular and in order to ascertain the technical name of a species figured on a plate, it is necessary first to note the English name, compare it with the Japanese name, and then by turning to the list at the back of the book and looking under the proper family, locate the same Japanese characters with the accompanying Latin name. For readers who are not acquainted with Japanese this is something of a puzzle, but the answer may be found in every case.

We know of no preserve in the world whose birds have been illustrated in such sumptuous style. Some of the plates are remarkable not only for their clearness but for the manner in which they have been reproduced,

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<sup>1</sup> Photographs of Bird-Life in Japan, Directed by Dr. Seinosuke Uchida, Photographed by Kenji Shimonoura. Vol II, Birds of Mt. Fuji, 1931, Sansendo Co. Ltd., Tokyo, Osaka. Price 4 Yen. For a review of Vol. I, see 'The Auk,' 1930, p. 433.

and the authors are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts to illustrate the birds of this area in such a popular and attractive way.—T. S. P.

**Low's 'Literature of the Charadriiformes.'**—In 1924 Dr. Low published his excellent bibliography of the Charadriiformes covering the period from 1894, the last year included in the volume of the British Museum Catalogue devoted to these birds, up to the end of 1923. The titles were, however, selected and did not cover the entire field, only those of greater importance being included. The author has now issued a second edition<sup>1</sup> in which the number of items has been "doubled or trebled" and everything relative to Shore-birds included, while the subject has been brought up to the end of 1928 adding five years to the scope of the earlier edition.

The items are arranged by years under generic divisions which makes it easy to refer to the literature covering any species. There are 7770 items included in the bibliography.

We owe a debt of gratitude to anyone who undertakes the laborious work of compiling a bibliography and especially to one who, like Dr. Low, has covered such a large field and has returned to his task to make it more exact.—W. S.

**Mills's 'Bird Memories of the Rockies.'**—This little posthumous work<sup>2</sup> consists of six chapters which appeared as separate articles in various journals, and six apparently hitherto unpublished. They all treat of birds of the Rockies written in the author's well known attractive style and embodying his personal observations of the feathered denizens of Estes Park where he made his home. There are familiar accounts of the Nutcracker, Rocky Mountain Jay, Long-crested Jay, Ptarmigan and other Rocky Mountain species which do not often figure in popular literature and a chapter on the Wild Turkey in Alabama.

An appreciative sketch of the author by Mr. John T. Jacobs forms a preface to this attractive volume and a number of bird photographs serve as illustrations.—W. S.

**Schorger's 'Birds of Dane County, Wisconsin.'**—The second and concluding part of this excellent county list<sup>3</sup> is before us covering the Passerine families. It is a model for such publications and an illustration

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<sup>1</sup> The Literature of the Charadriiformes from 1894-1928 with a Classification of the Order, and Lists of the Genera, Species and Subspecies. By G. Carmichael Low, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. Second Edition. London, H. F. & G. Witherby, 326 High Holborn, W. C. 1. Pp. i-xi + 1-637. Price 12 shillings 6 pence net.

<sup>2</sup> Bird Memories of the Rockies. By Enos A. Mills. With Illustrations. Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, The Riverside Press. 1931. Pp. i-xvii + 1-263. Price \$2.50.

<sup>3</sup> The Birds of Dane County, Wisconsin. Part II. By A. W. Schorger. Reprinted from the Transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, Vol. XXVI. Issued May, 1931. Pp. 1-60.