

Besides the original reference to the species and a limited synonymy relating to French Indochina the matter is presented under the headings, Description, Measurements, Habits and Distribution; the first being accorded the most space. There are also descriptions of family and generic characters under the respective headings. The birds figured seem to comprise the forms most characteristic of the country.

We note that the authors have been troubled with the same problem that now confronts all compilers of lists or faunal works, i. e. how to treat and number species and subspecies. They have adopted the plan of numbering every form regardless of rank. The binomial name is always given, however, whether the "typical" race occurs in the region or not, with the trinomial following it—much as in the 1910 edition of the A. O. U. 'Check-List,' but it is left unnumbered if divided into races. The vernacular name is quoted only after the binomial.

Volume I contains a chart of a bird with explanations of terms used in plumage description; introductory explanations of nomenclature and classification; an historical account of the explorations of Indochina with two maps; a discussion of geography and zones; and a bibliography. The zonal treatment seems to require much further study since the authors have simply suggested three regions from south to north, each with zones limited respectively by the 100 m.; 1000 m.; 2000 m. levels and over 2000 m.

Ornithologists the world over will be indebted to the authors for this magnificent work which gives us such an accurate account of the ornithology of a little known region and it will form the basis for work in Siam and many other adjoining countries for some time to come making a splendid companion to Robinson's 'Birds of the Malay Peninsula.' We tender them our heartiest congratulations.—W. S.

Swann and Wetmore: 'A Monograph of the Birds of Prey.'—After an interval of a year and a half publication of this notable work is resumed and we have before us Part X, constituting the first part of Volume II.¹

Some of the largest species of the order are now treated including the Lammergeyers and eagles of the genera *Uroaetus* and *Aquila*—the Wedge-tailed Eagle of Australia and the Golden Eagle and its allies; the colored plates represent the first two.

As with the other parts issued since Mr. Swann's death, Dr. Alexander Wetmore is responsible for editing the work from the Swann manuscript and for bringing it up to date.

We are pleased to see this important monograph continued as it was rumored that with the completion of the first volume the publication would cease and a good work on the birds of prey is badly needed.—W. S.

¹ A | Monograph | of the | Birds of Prey | (Order Accipitres) | By | H. Kirke Swann | Edited by | Alexander Wetmore | [etc.] London | Wheldon & Wesley, Ltd. | 2, 3 & 4, Arthur Street, New Oxford Street, W. C. 2. | Part X, December, 1931. Pp. 1-64, 2 plates. Price £1 0s. net, per part.