

as to the source of his information. Dr. Harper states that "Mr. Alfred M. Bailey has recently secured the desired information [on the color of the iris] in Louisiana and has generously passed it on to me." As he describes the yellow-eyed bird as new it is inferred that Mr. Bailey's birds had brown eyes!

We now face a curiously involved problem with conflicting statements as to the eye-color of the Louisiana birds which is the crux of the whole matter! At any rate both forms have now been abundantly named and Louisiana ornithologists have an important task before them to determine positively whether their Boat-tails have yellow or brown eyes or whether both sorts occur there.—W. S.

Griscom's 'Birds of Dutchess County, New York.'—This handsomely gotten-up publication¹ is a memorial to the late Maunsell S. Crosby by his most intimate ornithological friend and associate, and dedicated to him by the Linnaean Society of New York, of which he was an active member and in whose 'Transactions' it appears.

Mr. Crosby had intended to prepare this report himself and in carrying out his intention the author, who accompanied him in much of his field work, has made full use of Crosby's notes as well as those of other members of the Society who have carried on field studies in Dutchess County.

Besides the fully annotated list of 254 species there is a discussion of migration in the county with a reproduction of several of Crosby's carefully prepared daily lists and a grouping of the breeding species into Carolinian and Canadian categories, the former more strongly represented in the Hudson Valley than in the Connecticut Valley at the same latitude.

Mr. Griscom in his careful preparation of this report, has evidently considered it a labor of love and a tribute to a dear friend, and it will be a satisfaction to Mr. Crosby's many associates to see this work which he had always had in mind, completed in such an admirable manner.—W. S.

Willett's 'List of the Birds of Southwestern California.'—The members of the Cooper Ornithological Club show a commendable interest in keeping their distributional lists up to date. In 1912 Mr. George Willett published as 'Avifauna No. 7' a brochure of 120 pages on the distribution of the birds of the coast region of southern California. Now after twenty years he has just published a revised edition² of 200 pages, entirely re-written and embodying the results of a very active period in the ornithology of the region.

¹ The Birds of Dutchess County | New York | From Records Compiled By | Maunsell S. Crosby | By Ludlow Griscom | With Three Plates | Published by the Society, December, 1933 | New York; | Press of Urner-Barry Company | MCMXXXIII Trans. Linn. Soc. of New York, Vol. III. Pp. 1-184.

² A Revised List of the Birds of Southwestern California. By George Willett. Contribution from the Los Angeles Museum. Cooper Ornithological Club Pacific Coast Avifauna Number 21. Los Angeles. Published by the Club. December 1, 1933. Pp. 1-204. Price \$4.00.