

Then there is a series of topics, each presented in tabular form, with references to the pictures which may be used in illustration: Nests; Life History of the Pipit; The Growing Up of Birds; Foods and Methods of Feeding; Protection; The Story of the Cowbird; The Classification of Birds; and finally a list of questions to be answered from the preceding text and a list of good bird books.

There are we understand two other sets of these 'Natural History Pictures,' Unit I, covering 'Animal Studies' and Unit II, 'Desert Studies.' The price is \$6.00 per set, published by Publishers Distributing Service Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.—W. S.

**Allen and Brooks on the Tanagers and Finches.**—The latest series of color plates by Allen Brooks in the 'National Geographic Magazine'<sup>1</sup> represents the Tanagers and the more gaily colored Fringillidae—Grosbeaks, Finches etc. While the plates are excellent for identification, the birds do not seem to us to be as much endowed with life and action as most of Major Brooks' paintings. The text, by Dr. A. A. Allen, is full of interesting and reliable information and there are several half-tones from photographs by the author and others.—W. S.

**Proceedings of the Linnaean Society of New York.**<sup>2</sup>—As usual this publication contains much of value. The present issue begins with Dr. Gregory's discussion of the origins of the Ratites and Penguins (see p. 340). Dr. Ernst Mayr then discusses the number of known genera and species of birds, concluding that there are 2600 valid genera and that the total of species and subspecies is 27000. His discussion is interesting. In another paper by the same author he presents a translation of Bernard Altum's territory concept, published in 1868, which in many ways forestalled Howard's theory. William Vogt presents an annotated list of the birds of the Jones Beach Sanctuary, Long Island, and a Review of Ornithology for the New York Region for 1932. Dr. Mayer has a similar review for the year 1933. There are a number of shorter notes and abstracts of the proceedings of the Society.—W. S.

**New York Bird Day Bulletin.**—School Bulletin No. 13,<sup>3</sup> issued by the University of the State of New York, is devoted to birds. There is an interesting account of a Midwinter Grebe Flight in the state by R. A. Johnson; an account of a Rochester Wild-Life Sanctuary, by W. B. Large; Are Our Waterfowl Doomed? by Dayton Stoner; The First Spring Blackbirds by J. T. Nichols; Birds Among Skyscrapers, by Roger T. Peterson; The Recent Movement for Hawk and Owl Protection, by Warren F. Eaton; Twenty-four Days with the Little Green Heron, by Chester J. Osborn; Ducks Fly North in the Fall, by William Vogt; and The Helderberg Falcons by Guy Bartlett. An excellent publication which cannot but interest all in bird study and protection.—W. S.

#### Other Ornithological Publications.

**Bailey, Alfred M.**—Nesting Days. (Natural History, April, 1935.)—Brief account of a number of familiar birds with beautiful illustrations from photographs by the author.

**Bailey, Alfred M.**—Below the Border.—A naturalist's visit to Durango, Mexico, where *Xenospiza baileyi* was discovered.—(Natural History, March, 1935.)

**Bailey, Harold H.**—A New Race of Ringed Turtle Dove in the United States.

<sup>1</sup> National Geographic Magazine, April, 1935. Pp. 505-532.

<sup>2</sup> Proceedings of the Linnaean Society of New York for the Two Years Ending March, 1934. April 15, 1935. Pp. 1-119. Price 75 cts. (Amer. Museum of Nat. Hist., New York City.)

<sup>3</sup> Bird Day, April 15. Bull. of the University of the State of New York, Vol. 21, No. 13. March 15, 1935. 118-136.