SPECIAL REVIEW
RECENT RUSSIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL LITERATURE
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In a recent number of *The Auk* (vol. 81, pp. 238–241, 1964), I published a list of Russian publications consisting chiefly of important monographs or faunistic surveys published between 1950 and 1963. The publications mentioned below appeared after 1963, with three exceptions, and the present list includes more collections of papers than monographs. The titles of the papers in these collections are given because these papers are usually related and it now seems more helpful to me to list them individually in their proper context than to suggest a search of *The Zoological Record* (as I did in 1964), where they are scattered.

One of the publications ("Fauna and ecology of the birds of the delta of the Volga . . .") has a table of contents in English, but the others do not and their titles have been freely translated. The titles in the table of contents given in English have been reworded somewhat. I have added also a few annotations and called attention to the description of a new subspecies by Stepanyan (*Monticola saxatilis coloratus*) from Turkey.

The publications listed here were obtained by me during two recent trips to the Soviet Union, one in 1965 and the other in 1966; some were purchased and the others were the gifts of my Russian colleagues, to whom I publicly express my appreciation. This list, and the former one, include only the publications that I have acquired and I do not, therefore, pretend to give a complete coverage of the Russian literature. I mention this because the scope of my first list has been misunderstood. I may add, however, that I will be grateful to have my attention called to Russian ornithological publications and to receive them as a loan if they are not available to me.


Fauna i ekologiya ptitsy delty Volgi i poberezhii Kaspiya [Fauna and ecology of the birds of the delta of the Volga and of the shores of the Caspian Sea]. 1963. 423 pp., 60 figs., pt. 1000, 1 R 98 K. This publication is vol. 8 of Trudy Astrakhanского Zapovednika [Transactions of the Astrakhan reservation], Astrakhan, and consists of 12 articles; 11 concern birds and are as follows: GANYUSHKIN, M. A., and A. E. LUGOV, Experimental banding of molting ducks in the Astrakhan Wildlife Preserve. KRIVONOSOV, G. A., Wintering quarters on the northern Caspian Sea in 1960–1961. KRIVONOSOV, G. A., Number of Mute Swans (*Cygnus olor*) found now


Ivanov, A. I., and B. K. Stegman. 1964. Kratkii opredelitel Ptitsy S.S.S.R. [Brief key to the birds of the U.S.S.R.] Moscow-Leningrad, Akad. Nauk S.S.S.R., Zool. Inst.; 528 pp., 353 figs., 41 photos, pt 26000, 1 R 95 K. This is a pocket-size book designed for identification in the field or museum. It is preceded by a systematic list of 723 species giving the scientific and vernacular names, and is arranged in the sequence of Wetmore with slight modifications. The figures consist of line drawings illustrating diagnostic details and are excellent.


Prirodnye resursy Volzhsko-Kamskogo kraya [Natural resources of the Volga-Kama region]. 1964. Moscow, Biol. Inst. Kazan branch of Akad. Nauk S.S.S.R.; 196 pp., 51 figs., pt. 1000, 82 K. This publication contains 19 papers on amphibians, birds, and mammals, those which concern birds being as follows: Danilov, N. N., Determination of age in sparrows by examination of the degree of ossification of

REITERS, N. F. 1966. Ptitsy i mlekopitaushchie izhnoi taigi srednei Sibiri [Birds and mammals of the southern taiga of central Siberia]. Moscow-Leningrad, Akad. Nauk S.S.S.R., 420 pp., 76 figs., 1 col. map, pt. 1500, 2 R 10 K. This work is a study of the biotopes of the southern parts of the central Siberian taiga (illustrated by a large map in color). Ingenious diagrams illustrate the density of the population and the extent of the biotopes it occupies.

STRAUTMAN, F. I. 1963. Ptitsy zapadnykh oblastei U.S.S.R. [Birds of the western provinces of the U.S.S.R.]. Lvov, Lvov University; vol. 1, 199 pp., 38 figs., 22 maps, 5 col. pls., pt. 2000, 1 R 12 K. Volume 1 deals with the non-passeriformes; volume 2, which treats the passeriformes, has been published but has not been seen by me.


Trudy Kandalakshskogo gosudarstvennogo zapovednika [Transactions of the Kandalaksha state reservation]. 1960. Vol. 2; Murmansk; 337 pp. 28 figs., pt. 1233, 9 R 80 K [= 98 K]. Contains 5 papers as follows: BLAGOSKLONOV, K. N., Birds of the Kandalaksha reservation and of the White Sea biological stations of the Moscow State University. BIANKI, V. V., and A. I. FLEROV, List of the birds of Kandalaksha Bay and of its coasts. BIANKI, V. V., Non-breeding Alcidae occurring in Kandalaksha Bay. KISCSIINSKY, A. A., Ecology of the birds of the Teribersk district of Murmansk oblast. SPANGENBERG, E. P., and V. V. LEONOVICH, Birds of the northeastern coasts of the White Sea.

VOITEKICH, A. A. 1962. Pero Ptitsy [Bird Feathers]. Moscow, Akad. Nauk S.S.S.R.; 288 pp., 104 figs., pt. 1500, 1 R 43 K. This publication is a detailed study of the morphology of feathers, molts, and of the physiological factors which control the growth of feathers and molts. It has a very lengthy and comprehensive bibliography of about 830 titles, about one-third of which are in Russian. Many papers are by American authors, such as Dwight, Farner (down to 1961), and Wolinson. An English translation of this publication is available from Sidgwick and Jackson, Ltd., London.