

THE BULLETIN OF THE MICHIGAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB commences its fifth volume considerably enlarged and clad in an attractive new cover depicting the Kirtland warbler among its native pines. The opening article, by Norman A. Woods, is on the Discovery of the Breeding Area of Kirkland's Warbler, recounting the finding of the first nest and egg of this species in Oscoda County, Michigan, in July, 1903. Charles A. Adams contributes The Migration Route of Kirtland's Warbler. There are besides, Editorials, Recent Literature, Correspondence, Notes from Field and Museum, and a page devoted to the Michigan Audubon Society, newly organized.

THE JOURNAL OF THE MAINE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY is in a flourishing condition, judging by the April issue which contains a number of good bird articles, among which may be noted: Notes on the Warblers found in Maine, The Woodcock, Notes on the Finches found in Maine, and numerous short local notes.

THE AMATEUR NATURALIST, A Journal for Those Who Study Nature from a Love of It, is edited and published by Chas. D. Pendell, at Binghamton, New York. The second number, March, contains short articles on a great variety of subjects of popular interest extending over the general departments of zoology, botany and geology. It is the aim of the editor to publish a magazine "along the line of nature study in a popular, understandable form, interesting yet reliable and accurate."—W. K. FISHER.

NOTES AND NEWS

The Southern Division of the Cooper Club, at their April meeting, decided to again take up the matter of revising the "Birds of the Pacific Slope of Los Angeles County." Mr. Joseph Grinnell was newly elected to take charge of the undertaking, and the former committee was instructed to turn over to him all the material thus far accumulated. It is the intention of the Division to publish the paper, within the coming year, as number five of the Pacific Coast Avifauna series. All who are in a position to furnish data for the new list are urged to communicate at once with Mr. Grinnell.

Messrs. Swarth, Robertson, and Lelande left on the first of May to explore ornithologically the almost unknown mountainous portions of Ventura county. With such a trio of expert field observers, we shall expect some valuable accounts of rare discoveries for our July issue.

From March 26th to April 2nd, a very successful camping and collecting trip was participated in by a party of Cooper Club members from Throop Polytechnic Institute, Pasadena. A central camp was established in the Tujunga Valley, northern Los Angeles County, and the surrounding region explored for various natural history objects of interest. Mammals and birds received most attention, and some rare specimens and photos of both were secured. Those comprising the party were: Messrs. Rex Barnwell, Joseph Dixon, Crawford May, Philip Pinger, H. T. Clifton, and Joseph Grinnell.

Messrs. Lelande and Howard of the Southern Division recently made a hurried trip through western Los Angeles county into Ventura county. They traversed an extremely rugged range of mountains among which California condors were surprisingly numerous. As many as eleven were seen circling about overhead at one time, and several nesting aeries were located on the faces of precipitous cliffs.

The demand for Mrs. Bailey's Handbook of Western Birds has been so great as to completely exhaust the first edition. The second edition, just out, presents a number of changes and additions so that the book is brought quite up to date. The horned larks in particular have been revised to accord with recent A. O. U. rulings. Both the publishers and the author are to be congratulated on the well-deserved success of this authoritative text-book.

Mr. G. W. Howard, who is already well known for his careful work with Arizona birds, started early in April on another trip into the extreme southern part of the Territory. He goes this time in the interests of Mr. J. L. Childs, and is thoroughly equipped for at least three months. He is paying special attention to rare eggs, and has a particular yearning after a set of the rare Mearns quail.

Mr. W. O. Emerson writes that Dr. Cooper's old home in Haywards is to be sold to make way for a new Carnegie Library. We regret very much to learn that the estate is thus to pass out of the family's hands. An effort will be made to preserve some of the trees which the Doctor planted, a laurel, live oak and several cypresses.

An olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus borealis*), with a lamentable ignorance of life zones, has taken up his residence in the Stanford aboretum, where his resounding orders, "Quit, leave here," may be heard at all times of day.

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During the coming summer communications to the editor may be addressed, as usual, to Palo Alto.

Dr. Charles H. Gilbert and Prof. William E. Ritter were on the "Albatross" during parts of March and April. The "Albatross" was engaged in deep-sea dredging off the southern California coast.

We call attention to Mrs. Bailey's interesting article on "Twelve Rock Wren Nests in New Mexico," published elsewhere in this issue, and to the queries proposed. "How general is the Salpinctian use of stones, and what proportion of nests have the walks leading away from them?" Have our field ornithologists any observations to offer?

Mr. John J. Williams, who has been living near Santa Barbara, has moved to Truckee, where he expects to be located during the summer.

Mr. W. W. Price made his usual excursion into the high Sierras early in April.

Mr. R. H. Beck presented a paper entitled, "The Galapagos Islands and Their Inhabitants" at a meeting of the Section of Ornithology of the California Academy of Sciences, May 3d.

One correspondent earnestly desires that we present in THE CONDOR more articles of a popular nature. Unfortunately we cannot publish for the benefit of our readers what does not reach our sanctum, however much we might wish to do so! As a matter of fact the responsibility for the lack of this sort of material rests not with the editors but with the persons who object to faunal lists and other more or less technical matter. At the present time we are publishing a much greater percentage of popular than technical articles, and are perfectly willing to increase this difference if the proper material is forthcoming.

Mr. R. W. Williams, Jr., of the Biological Survey will soon return to his home in Tallahassee, Florida, to resume the practice of law.

We learn that Mr. W. L. Dawson, the author of "The Birds of Ohio" intends to move to the State of Washington, where he will undertake, in co-authorship with Mr. J. H. Bowles of Tacoma, an illustrated work upon the Birds of Washington. This book is to be drawn on the lines of the Birds of Ohio, which combines so well the elements of scientific accuracy, popular interest, and attractive appearance. Both gentlemen are thoroughly familiar with the field, each having spent eight years in different parts of the state.

Mr. Frank M. Chapman has in preparation a volume on the Warblers of North America and requests the aid of students of birds throughout the country in the preparation of the volume. "Continued study of our birds," writes Mr. Chapman in *Bird-Lore*, "emphasizes the absolute necessity for many observers if we are to have anything approaching adequate biographies of even a single species * * * Cooperation, therefore, is the watchword of the bird-study of today. Instead of thinking that there is little left to learn, every bird student should feel that it is his special privilege to add to our knowledge of birds in nature. He may not make a novel or startling discovery, but he may confirm some observation which has already been made, and that, as a matter of fact, is second in value only to the original observation itself. An *act* may be attributed to a species on the basis of a single observation; but a *habit*, only after many observations." It is requested that each bird on which a report is made be treated as follows: name of species (scientific and common), local status, migration, song, courtship, haunts, nesting site, nest, eggs, young. Do not neglect sending your observations because they are incomplete. It is unnecessary to add that full credit will be given for all material used. Mr. Chapman's address is Englewood, New Jersey.

Messrs. C. H. Gilbert, Harold Heath, M. H. Spaulding and W. K. Fisher of Stanford University are located on the steamer "Albatross" which is engaged in deep-sea dredging in Monterey Bay.

The May meeting of the Northern Division was held at the residence of Prof. O. P. Jenkins, Stanford University, with a good attendance. Full minutes will be published in the July issue.

The Southern Division of the Cooper Club has recently lost an esteemed member, Prof. George Conant, who died at Long Beach, California, March 29, 1904. Prof. Conant was an enthusiastic naturalist, one of the kind that delights in helping the inexperienced to see and understand the things of Nature. His long life had been spent as a teacher, and in this capacity he had inspired many a boy with true scientific zeal.