

**Sahuaro Screech Owl in Coachella Valley, California.**—On December 11, 1932, after a long hike back into a small cañon of the Santa Rosa Mountains, about twelve miles southwest of Coachella, my husband called my attention to an object that appeared to be wedged into a small round opening in the perpendicular side of the cañon wall, twelve to fifteen feet above the ground. Observing it closely for several minutes and deciding it was a forked stick resembling an owl, the knot holes like slits of closed eyes, we determined to get it.

Finding toe-holds in the rocks Mr. Clary climbed nearly opposite before there was an almost imperceptible wink to indicate to the observer below that it was in truth a small owl. But just as his hand was about to close over it this small owl, robin size, which we took to be the Sahuaro Screech Owl (*Otus asio gilmani*) slipped out of the crevice and made its unhurried flight down the cañon to where it turned again into the protective coloring of the rocky cañon wall not over a hundred feet away. The pronounced horns, small size, and pale gray coloring were all distinctive. The owl was seen at close range, and in flight passed within arm's reach, so that the wing pattern was easily discernible. This is the first record of this species made by the writer in this section.—MRS. BEN L. CLARY, *Coral Reef Ranch, Coachella, California, January 27, 1933.*

**A Grinnell Water-Thrush in Oregon.**—On August 26, 1931, a Grinnell Water-Thrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis notabilis*) was taken from one of the traps of a regularly operated bird-banding station at Beaver, Oregon, sixteen miles south of Tillamook. The trap was of the "clover-leaf" type, baited with rolled barley and cheese trimmings and set on the bank of a small stream, about six feet from the water. The skin was sent to the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, for identification, where it was examined by Dr. J. Grinnell and Dr. Alden H. Miller, who provisionally referred it to this race, although it is "darker and somewhat smaller than other skins in the Museum collection."

So far as I can ascertain, this species has not been previously recorded from Oregon.—REED W. FERRIS, *Beaver, Oregon, January 30, 1933.*

**Food of the Pigmy Owl and Goshawk.**—The following observations were made on a place owned by the writer on Hat Creek, in Shasta County, California.

At dusk, on August 18, 1930, the writer was walking toward the creek when something darted past his head, striking a branch of an old dead tree about twenty feet away. It proved to be a California Pigmy Owl (*Glaucidium gnoma californicum*), and when collected it was found to have in its claws, a freshly killed Cassin Purple Finch (*Carpodacus cassinii*), of which the head and part of the entrails had already been eaten.

On the evening of August 25, 1931, an American Goshawk (*Astur atricapillus*) was seen carrying a large mammal which, when the hawk was collected, was found to be a California Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus griseus griseus*). The head and part of the body had already been consumed by the hawk. The Gray Squirrel has been a rare animal in the above locality for many years, but at the present time it seems to be getting established once more.—ERNEST D. CLABAUGH, *Berkeley, California, March 9, 1933.*

## EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The eighth annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, at the University of California in Berkeley, with headquarters in the Life Sciences Building. The board of governors will meet on Sunday, May 7. Day-time programs of papers at the annual meetings have come to be, during the past seven years, contributions of high order and provocative of good discussion. To cite one instance, we will long remember George Willett's brief

but well directed remarks on "Logic in Systematics," given last year in Los Angeles. One important aim this year is to make the program even better suited for open discussion and interchange of ideas than heretofore. With these precedents and aims in view, thoughtful planning by contributors will go far to aid the program committee. Shortly, mail request for titles will be sent out. Be forewarned, therefore, and have ready a suitable title to submit. We trust the somewhat earlier date of