

NOTES AND NEWS



Fig. 31. Alexander Wetmore, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, past president of the American Ornithologists' Union and authority on fossil birds.

In lieu of appropriate and deserving review, precluded because of lack of space, we call attention to several recent publications of special importance and usefulness:

The Ducks, Geese and Swans of North America, a Vade Mecum for the Naturalist and the Sportsman (American Wildlife Institute, Washington, D.C., 1943), by F. H. Kortright.

Bird Display, an Introduction to the Study of Bird Psychology (Cambridge University Press, 1942), by E. A. Armstrong.

The Roseate Spoonbill (Research Rept. No. 2, National Audubon Society, 1942 [=1943]), by R. P. Allen.

The Birds of Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska (Proc. Colo. Mus. Nat. Hist., 18, 1943:1-113) by A. M. Bailey.

Ten-year Index to the Auk, volumes 48-57, 1931-1940 (Amer. Ornith. Union, 1941 [=1943]), by H. S. Swarth and G. Willett.

Mr. John Laughlin of 900 Tildon Street, West Riverside, California, would appreciate receiving any information available about non-native doves in California. He is compiling information

for a paper on this subject. Details, no matter how trivial, are likely to be of importance. Interest centers especially in mating, nesting, food, rapidity of spread, dates and methods of introduction, and economic aspects.

The inappropriateness of the use of the word "common" as part of a vernacular name of a bird came forcefully to our attention while reading Snyder, Logier and Kurata's faunal paper on the Sault Ste. Marie region of Ontario (Trans. Royal Canadian Inst., 24, 1942:99-165). We note on page 142 the following: "Common Shrike.—An uncommon breeding bird of . . .," and "Common Starling.—A fairly common bird of . . ." The criticism here is not one of the authors cited, but of a "common" practice.—A.H.M.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, January 28, 1943, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with Harvey I. Fisher presiding and about 40 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for December, 1942, were read and corrected. There were five proposals for membership, all by Alden H. Miller: Gordon L. Bolander, 464 Fair Oaks Street, San Francisco, California; Verna R. Johnston, Thornton Township High School, Harvey, Illinois; James Kirkland Merrit, Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut; Clark E. Holscher and Edwin Joseph Woolfolk, both of the Forest and Range Experiment Station, Missoula, Montana.

The chairman of the nominating committee, Mrs. Amelia S. Allen, presented the following slate of officers for the coming year: President, Robert C. Miller; Vice-president, Lewis W. Taylor; Corresponding Secretary, Hilda W. Grinnell; Recording Secretary, Frances Carter. It was moved and carried that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for the officers named.

The chair was then accepted by the new president. Mr. Miller recalled his first attendance at a Cooper Club meeting, in the old sheet-iron museum building, at which time the idea that he would one day be president of the organization would have come as a great surprise to him.

Mr. Milton Ray reported the occurrence of a Raven in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on December 9, 1942. Robert C. Miller added that this species occurs there occasionally. Milton Seibert reported a Road-runner in the hills of