

which were taken earlier. A saving virtue is the ability to change when new evidence demands.

In the accounts of species, localities and dates of significant record are cited following a general statement of range which includes zonal and seasonal aspects. Previously unpublished notebook and specimen records are appended. Additional localities are specified in conjunction with the synonymies. Taxonomic discussion is handled in footnotes.

Some highly useful elements of the report are the twenty-six distribution maps indicating occurrence by means of spots, the list of persons who have engaged in field work in Sonora (with unnecessary emphasis on numbers of type specimens collected), the gazeteer of localities, and the complete annotated bibliography for the ornithology of the state.—ALDEN H. MILLER.

At hand is a recent paper by Delacour and Mayr entitled "Notes on the Taxonomy of the Birds of the Philippines" (*Zoologica*, 30, 1945: 105-117). This is a worthy and useful contribution to taxonomy, but one aspect of it is unfortunate from the nomenclatural standpoint. Bibliographically this paper is a unit and, as such, the coauthors are responsible for the entire work. However, in the paper are several descriptions of new subspecies, to the names for which are attached the name of one or the other of the authors. It is probable that the authors desire that only one of their names be used henceforth in conjunction with each of these designations. They state that "the following discussions of the taxonomy of Philippine birds were . . . prepared independently by each author, as indicated by the initials in square brackets [and I suppose the same holds for the unbracketed names following new race designations], but each author is in full accord with the conclusions reached by his collaborator." Will this always be viewed as a clear indication "from the contents of the publication that some other person [than the joint authors] is responsible for said name" (Article 21, International Rules of Zoological Nomenclature). There have been previous instances of confusion on these matters, for example in connection with the names *Psaltriparus minimus grindae* and *Junco bairdi* which are listed currently by the A.O.U. Check-list with Ridgway as author whereas Belding was listed earlier. Ridgway (*Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus.*, 6, 1883:155) seems to wish these names credited to Belding whose manuscript concerning them he presented. No matter how such questions are ruled upon and clarified in accordance with the codes of nomenclature that may be followed, there is nonetheless in these practices a source of confusion which should be avoided. If the coauthors are "in full accord," why not jointly assume responsibility for the

names? If they are not willing to collaborate fully, separate papers should be written.—ALDEN H. MILLER.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California, on Tuesday, January 29, 1946, at 8:00 p.m., President Walter W. Bennett presiding, with about 35 members and guests present. The following names were proposed for membership: Mrs. Thomas H. Brown, 1853 S.W. 16th Ave., Portland 1, Ore., Keith Warren, Cameron, Ariz., both by W. Lee Chambers; William C. Starrett, 105 Glen Oak Court, Peoria, Ill., by Keith L. Dixon; James V. Duff, Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., by C. V. Duff; Allen H. Morgan, Cochituate Road, Wayland, Mass., by Ludlow Griscom; Gilmore A. Duncan, P. O. Box 66, Shandon, Calif., by Alden H. Miller; Joseph J. Hickey, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan., Harrison Flint Lewis, National Parks Bureau, Ottawa, Canada, Miss Clara Alma Moore, 3510 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis 8, Ind., Miss Peggy Porter Muirhead, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., all by John McB. Robertson; Capt. Randolph L. Peterson, Box 254, Faculty Exchange, College Station, Texas, by Walter P. Taylor; and Joseph Brauner, Bristol Apartments, Apt. 202, 2109 Estrella Ave., Los Angeles 7, Calif., by A. J. van Rossem.

Report of the nominating committee, consisting of W. Lee Chambers, Chairman, Howard Robertson and A. J. van Rossem, was read by the Secretary. The name of Ed N. Harrison was suggested for President, C. V. Duff for Vice-president and that of Dorothy E. Groner for Secretary. Sidney Peyton moved that the nominations suggested by the committee be accepted, that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the persons named. It was so ordered.

C. V. Duff announced that the results so far in the endowment drive for the Joseph Grinnell Publication Fund have been most gratifying; however, the response has tended toward larger sums by a few rather than smaller sums by many. He added that a more widespread interest in this worthy effort is greatly desired, even though the individual contribution be small.

Sidney Peyton stated that in December, shortly after Christmas, he had seen a flock of 35 or 40 crossbills on Mount Pinos, and in the condor country on January 7, 1946, he had seen 17 condors sitting on a cliff, as well as a number in flight.

The speaker, Mrs. J. H. Comby, President of

the Los Angeles Audubon Society, discussed "Audubon Sanctuaries as a Factor in Conservation."

Adjourned.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, on Tuesday, February 26, 1946, at 8:00 p.m., Vice-president C. V. Duff presiding, with about 55 members and guests present. The following names were proposed for membership: Waldo Mayhew, 300 Julian St., Turlock, California, by Mrs. N. Edward Ayer; William Glase Reeder, 4725 Brynhurst Ave., Los Angeles 43, Calif., by Hildegarde Howard; Eliot F. Porter, 469 Maple St., Winnetka, Ill., Raymond Andrew Paynter, Jr., 208 Forest Hill Rd., Hamden 14, Conn., and Rosario Mazzeo, 120 Elm St., N. Cambridge 40, Mass., all by W. Lee Chambers; James H. Gilman, care of Jaw Dow, Wendel, Calif., J. Holman, 1691 W. 65th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Walter L. Necker, 6843 Hobart Ave., Chicago 31, Ill., all by John McB. Robertson; and Eleanor Guyer Beemer by Ruth Gardner Schmidt.

Dr. Sherwin F. Wood gave an account of his experiences as a sanitation officer with the Marines in the Central Pacific together with a description of his bird observations on East Maui Island.

Adjourned.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at 8:00 p.m. in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, on Thursday, December 20, with President W. I. Follett in the chair and about 35 members and guests present. W. A. Squires, 119 West Canada Ave., San Clemente, Calif., was proposed for membership by Hilda W. Grinnell, and George Campbell Monroe, 2064 Makiki St., Honolulu 4, T.H., was proposed by Alden H. Miller.

A letter from Laidlaw Williams was read telling of a request of a commercial motion picture firm to use Point Lobos State Park for filming purposes. It was moved, duly seconded, and passed unanimously that the Northern Division should officially protest the use of the State Park for this purpose. A letter was sent by the Recording Secretary to Mr. John H. Covington, Executive Secretary of the State Park Commission.

The President appointed a nominating committee, consisting of Lewis W. Taylor, Grace L. Crowe, and Junea W. Kelly, was appointed.

A letter from Ernest C. Mailliard announced

the death of his father, Joseph Mailliard. A motion was passed that resolutions be prepared and sent to Mr. E. C. Mailliard expressing our sympathy. The committee appointed consisted of Alden H. Miller, C. B. Lastreto and Henry W. Carriger.

Mrs. Grinnell announced the publication of a book entitled "Chasing Wrens" which consists of essays written by the late Amelia S. Allen.

Field notes included a report by Paul Covel on the introduction by the local Fish and Game authorities on December 13, 1945, of 91 banded Valley Quail, two-thirds of which were males, on Yerba Buena Island. Five days later some had scattered as far as half a mile away but most were still near the point of release. Donald McLean reported that Starlings have appeared in force in northeast California. He counted about 200 in a flock of blackbirds in Honey Lake Valley recently. Mrs. J. W. Kelly reported 11 White-tailed Kites at Stockton on December 11 and one at Moss Landing on December 17. Arthur Myer saw a pair of Brown Towhees at Laurel Hill, San Francisco, on December 1. Commander Hicks reported a large concentration of geese (about 100,000 birds) at Nelson in the Sacramento Valley.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Donald D. McLean, Game Biologist of the State Division of Fish and Game, discussed "Some California Birds of Prey," showing his Kodachrome films of eagles, condors, and hawks.

Adjourned.—ALICE S. MULFORD, *Recording Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at 8:00 p.m. in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, on January 24, 1946, with President Follett in the chair and about 60 members and guests present. Miss Mary Louise Perry, 2412 Durant Ave., Berkeley 4, Calif., was proposed for membership by Grace I. Crowe.

The nominating committee submitted the following proposals for officers for 1946: President, Sumner C. Brooks; Vice-president, Frank A. Pitelka; Corresponding Secretary, Hilda W. Grinnell; and Recording Secretary, Charles G. Sibley. It was moved that the nominations be closed and the persons named be declared elected. Motion carried.

Mrs. Courtright reported an Allen Hummingbird on January 20 at Larkspur, Marin County. Paul Covel reported 70 of the Yerba Buena quail still near the point of their release.

Dr. Robert C. Stebbins spoke on "Owl Calling as a Hobby."

Adjourned.—ALICE S. MULFORD, *Recording Secretary*.