

Still another mile along the Freehold road, to the farm on the hill, and away from the road to the right, down to the foot of the hill, I went through the swamp where the farmer had cut off all the wood and brush, leaving the beautiful moss and arbutus and the pitcher plants to die from exposure to sun and heat. Field and Song Sparrows were there, and I flushed three large, fat Ruffed Grouse which went off with a noise of low thunder. Suddenly came the loud clear whistle of a bird that I knew well, but heard for the first time this spring. I whistled in answer and he soon came where I could see him, for he is a very inquisitive little fellow. Sure enough, it was the Carolina Wren. No mistaking that erect tail and the quick, nervous body as he peers at the impudent intruder of his wooded retreat. But he doesn't linger long for you to observe him, but darts away with another burst of joyous song selected at random from his great variety, rich and melodious. He is a difficult bird to see near enough to study the markings, but he responds readily to the whistled call, and may sometimes be induced to remain quiet long enough to make a good study. While I was trying to coax him back again a rapid drumming on a tree behind me made me turn in that direction to discover a big, red-headed woodpecker. On going nearer it proved to be a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker busy on a thrifty tree extracting sap. Over the treetops sailed a Sharp-shinned Hawk. I got a good view of him before he sailed higher and higher in small circles into the sky.—NELLIE H. HUNT.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

BIRDS OF OREGON, ANNOTATED LIST OF THE. By A. R. Woodcock. Bulletin No. 68 of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. January, 1902. Corvallis, Oregon.

This annotated list of 333 species of Oregon birds was compiled by Mr. Woodcock for the degree of Master of Science, under the direction of the professor in charge. A frontispiece of "The Denny Pheasant," two pages of Introduction by the professor in charge, and a page of acknowledgments by the author, are followed by the list of species which are more or less annotated. We are forced to the conclusion that the author has made little use of the editorial blue pencil both in the compilation of the list of species and in the selection of annotations. It is not easy to throw out records which may be questionable without giving offense, unless there be a definite statement as to what shall constitute an accepted record. For any species about which there could be a question, it is fair to require the evidence of a specimen to prove the validity of the species as belonging to the state fauna. Anything less than this is likely to lead to error. Hypothetical lists are always convenient for questionable records.

It may not seem quite fair to expect everybody to keep in touch with our rapidly shifting nomenclature, but we cannot help suggesting that a list dated 1902 might well contain the revisions of the check-list made a year before the list appeared.

We trust that this list is preliminary to a more carefully prepared one soon to follow.—L. J.

THE MISSION OF THE BIRDS. By Clarence Moores Weed. Nature Study Leaflet No. 2, New Hampshire College Agricultural Experiment Station. April, 1902.

This 12-page illustrated leaflet is pretty clearly intended for the teacher of children, and is therefore full of directions for the instruction of the children in nature study, but particularly the study of birds. This text is largely explanatory of a diagram on the second page which sets forth graphically, on a plan of grouping, the insects which molest all sorts of vegetation under all sorts of conditions, and the birds which feed upon the insects. This chart is well conceived and clearly done, and, with the accompanying text and illustrations, makes a distinct contribution to the pedagogical side of Ornithology.—L. J.

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Pollination of Flowers, The. Nature Study Leaflet No. 1. New Hampshire College Agricultural Experiment Station. Review of the North American species of *Athysanus*.

(Jassidæ.) Series 6, Nos. 14, 15, Ohio State University Bulletin, Dept. Zool. and Ent., Nos. 7, 8.

ERRATA.

Some distressing errors crept into the last number after the last proof left the editor's hands. They are as follows:

Page 7, line 12, for "scaps" read "scraps."

Page 8, line 4 from bottom, for "snipe" read "snipes."

Page 18, line 7 from bottom, for "quaked" read "quanked."

Page 22, line 15 from bottom, for "1902" read "1922."

Page 25, line 3, omit the word "no."

Page 29, line 3 from bottom, for "Ober-" read "Oberholser."