

value of the grouse and wild turkeys, both from their habit of eating insects and weed seeds, and because of their value as an article of diet. It is earnestly to be hoped that active measures will at once be taken to repopulate the regions now depopulated by these birds, which were once well stocked.

L. J.

Bird Photography in Norway. By R. W. Shufeldt. Reprint from *The Popular Science Monthly*, May, 1906.

Dr. Shufeldt here gives us a delightful glimpse of Norway bird life in pen and camera pictures. Certainly Norway is not a whit behind America in catching the birds with the lens.

L. J.

An Ecological Survey in Northern Michigan. Prepared under the direction of Chas. C. Adams. A Report from the University Museum, University of Michigan, published by the State Board of Geological Survey as a part of the Report for 1905. Copiously illustrated with maps and half-tones.

This ecological study covers "the plant and animal life of the Porcupine Mountains in Ontonagon County and on Isle Royale." The Porcupine Mountains were studied from July 11 to August 13, and Isle Royale from August 13 to September 5. As far as the birds were concerned they were seen only under the conditions of fall migration. Eighty-nine species of birds were recorded on the Porcupine Mountains, and 81 on Isle Royale. It is to be hoped that this work can be supplemented by studies during the breeding season of the birds.

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We are pained to learn of the death of our fellow member, a sketch of whose life from the pen of one of his close associates is here quoted from a local paper.

"Alternately reciting the apostle's creed and repeating parts of the Lord's prayer the soul of LaRue K. Holmes, son of Colonel B. P. and Georgiana K. Holmes, passed to its eternal reward. The end came suddenly at his home on Pine Grove avenue, early Thursday morning. The immediate cause of death was rheumatism of the heart complicated with other weaknesses. Though a young man of quiet, studious tastes, young Holmes was well known in Summit, N. J., and his death will come as a shock to his many friends.

"Born December 2nd, 1883, he was little over twenty-two years of age. At an early age he became a communicant in the Episcopal church and died in that fellowship. A profound lover of nature, he developed while still a boy into a zealous student of natural history. Botany, entomology, and ornithology claimed his attention according to his varying mood. He could not cross a field or pass through a belt of timber without exploring hidden nooks for specimens of interest to the naturalist.

"His great passion was for birds, whose habits and habitat he studied with unwearied interest. Had he lived he might have won distinction as an ornithologist. Already he had served as curator in the museum of Natural History, New York, and achieved honorable mention for his work in classifying the recent accessions to their department of ornithology. He was also a correspondent of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, and exchanged specimens with them. Though affable and gracious in manner, he was naturally reserved and preferred solitude to society. His bereaved mother and father will have the sympathy of this entire community in an affliction which removes their last child and leaves their home without one for whom they lived and labored."—W. W. Giles.

It is my sad duty to chronicle the death of our fellow member, LaRue K. Holmes, at Summit, N. J., on May 10th, 1906, at the home of his parents, Colonel B. P. and Georgiana K. Holmes. The following touching note from the bereaved mother gives the particulars far more fittingly than pen of mine:

DEAR SIR:—Our precious LaRue, recently assistant curator at the Museum of Natural History, New York, entered into rest yesterday, after intense suffering for four months, from rheumatism of the heart, singing a hymn and repeating the Apostles' creed and Lord's Prayer. Patient beyond words, almost unspotted by contact with the world, artistic in nature and devoted to the study of his beloved birds, he passed to the spirit world in triumph through Christ.

Yours, in sorrow, which should be rejoicing.

GEORGIANA KLINGLE HOLMES.

He was elected an associate member of the American Ornithologists Union in 1902, and a corresponding member of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club in 1904, and his most elaborate paper, "The short-billed Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus stellaris*) in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey," in the *Cassinia* for 1904, suggests careful and critical research and exceptional ability.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting him at a gathering of ornithologists in Philadelphia a few years since and found him quiet, affable, enthusiastic, peculiarly attractive, and soon after entering into correspondence with him, induced him to join the Wilson Ornithological Club as an active member. He contributed an excellent paper entitled "The Summer Birds of Summit, Union County, N. J.," to the *WILSON BULLETIN* for March, 1905. In their bereavement for this their last child, the sorrowing parents will have the sympathy of all the members of the Wilson Ornithological Club.

FRANK L. BURNS.

