

avifauna is considered together with the paucity of previous notes or observations in so many cases.

The book considers 221 species with an additional provisional list of over 40. Many of these species have been photographed at the nest by one or other of the authors for the first time. Each species is carefully described for field identification, with references to its more detailed description in standard works. The Kashmiri name is given in addition to the English name, and a Latin name which will at least identify the bird even if it is not always entirely up-to-date. There are good notes on distribution, and—here is the meat of the book—excellent notes on habits and nesting. These last, to any ornithologist or student of Asian birds, are priceless. They are accurate, painstaking, and informative. They are models of their kind. Finally there is a detailed description of the nest and eggs.

Six illustrative colored plates of Kashmir birds by Mrs. D. V. Cowen, and clear and comprehensive end-paper maps complete the volume. This book is a mine of information for amateur and professional bird watchers or ornithologists and should be a standard reference work for any such person going to India or its neighborhood. I hope that it will achieve the greatest possible popularity.—S. Dillon Ripley.

WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB NOTES

1953 Annual Meeting

At the invitation of the University of Michigan and the Michigan Audubon Society, the thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held at the University of Michigan Biological Station, at Douglas Lake, near Cheboygan, Michigan, from Sunday, June 14, to Wednesday, June 17, 1953.

Official notification of the meeting, details of arrangements, and request for papers will be mailed to the membership in the spring, but members are urged to plan now to attend what promises to be a most interesting meeting in this northern scenic area.

Committee Appointments

The President has made the following appointments, to serve for the 1952-1953 year: *Conservation Committee*, Robert A. McCabe, Chairman; *Illustrations Committee*, Robert M. Mengel, Chairman; *Investing Trustees*, A. W. Schorger, Chairman (term expires 1953), Aaron Moore Bagg (term expires 1954), Burt L. Monroe (term expires 1955); *Library Committee*, George J. Wallace, Chairman; *Local Committee on Arrangement for the 1953 Meeting*, Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Chairman, Nicholas L. Cuthbert, Vice-Chairman; *Membership Committee*, Ralph M. Edeburn, Chairman; *Research Grant Committee*, John T. Emlen, Jr., Chairman; *Representative on the American Ornithologists' Union Council*, Burt L. Monroe.