

breeding species, and up to the 37th are included the breeding ranges of all southern Petrels.

The sub-Antarctic islands include Kerguelen, Heard, Crozets, Marion and Prince Edward, the Falklands and all the islands off Tierra del Fuego, Macquarie, Campbell, Auckland, Antipodes, Bounty and Snares Islands off New Zealand. Then come Gough, Tristan da Cunha, St. Paul, New Amsterdam, the Chathams of New Zealand, and Tasmania, with Mocha and the Juan Fernandez group, which are nearer to the Tropics. The sub-tropical last-named group is of interest as two species of *Cookilaria* nest there and it is the southernmost breeding locality of the genus. Also *Ardenna creatopus* nests there and farther south on Mocha Island.

Reviews

[*Budgerigars: The Standard of Perfection and Classification of Colour Varieties*. Compiled by T. R. Treloar and J. Hocking for the Australasian Budgerigar Council. Melbourne: Robertson & Mullens Ltd. Price, 4/6.]

Fanciers in Australasia have applied and followed the Mendelian principles laid down by Dr. Duncker and have succeeded in producing every colour type known throughout the world to-day. With progress in that direction and the production of new colour types not known overseas, the need for an accepted standard and uniformity in show conditions became apparent, and this volume aims at supplying the want.

Contents include a description of the perfect type, notes on the colouration of different varieties, particulars of the Australasian Council's alterations to previously-accepted classifications, and official colour descriptions. In connection with this last a standard colour chart of various greens, blues, yellows and other shades is included. The colouring of more than thirty varieties is described in detail.

From the foregoing it might appear that presentation of standards was the only object of the publication. Not so, however, for sections dealing with psittacosis and its control, on feeding, on food values and on management generally are included. More technical are illustrations of matings to produce particular forms and the propagation of mutations and the method of application of the rules of sex-linked inheritance.

The volume should be of particular value to aviculturists.
—C.E.B.

[*Arctic Birds as Migrants in New Zealand*. By R. A. Falla. From *Rec. Auck. Inst. Mus.*, vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 3-14.]

The paper deals with the Charadriiformes and two jaegers (*Stercoraciidae*) "wintering" in New Zealand. *Stercorarius*

pomarinus is probably a regular migrant to the north of the North Island. The dark form of *S. parasiticus* is predominant in all localities. Apparently odd birds of many Charadriiformes, strays from the main lines of migration, reach New Zealand—such forms as *Pisobia acuminata*, *P. maculata*, *Crocethia alba*, *Phalaropus fulicarius* and *Lobipes lobatus* being represented by single or two records. Taking into account the fact that all records over a number of years have been made by not more than three competent observers, and that many of the regular haunts of migrants are not readily accessible, further field work will probably add to the list and also throw fresh light on the behaviour of such migrants.—C.E.B.

[A *List of the Birds of Australasia (including New Zealand, Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, and the Australasian Antarctic Quadrant)*. By Gregory M. Mathews. London: Taylor and Francis, pp. 1-562.]

Robertson & Mullens Ltd., 119 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, has a publisher's remainder of a limited number of copies of this volume for sale at 4/- per copy. The List is, of course, the 1931 compilation of the Australian, New Zealand and islands mentioned portion of the *Systema Avium Australasianarum*, and contains over 5,000 references. Members familiar with the *Systema* will realize the value and the content of the publication. The synonymy of every genus and species is given. Some "Additions and Corrections" published in *The Ibis* and *The Emu* bring the List up to date. A complete index is included.—C.E.B.

Library Notes

Additions to the Library include:

The Ibis, Thirteenth Series, vol. vi, No. 4.

The Auk, vol. liii, No. 4.

The Avicultural Magazine, Fifth Series, vol. i, No. 10.

Contains "Two Handsome Honeyeaters (*Meliornis novæ-hollandiæ* and *Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*)," by Ian Harman.

Bulletin of the New South Wales Branch of the R.A.O.U., No. 4. Contains particulars of the Congress and bird notes of a trip to Lord Howe Island and other notes.

The Victorian Naturalist, vol. liii, No. 8.

Australian Science Abstracts, vol. 15, No. 4.

El Hornero, vol. vi, No. 2.

The Condor, vol. xxxviii, No. 5.

Indian Wild Life, vol. i, Nos. iii-iv.

Scientific Publications of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, vol. vi, No. 3, pp. 318-408, "The Composition and Dynamics of a Beech-Maple Climax Community," by A. B. Williams.

Songs of Wild Birds, by E. M. Nicholson and Ludwig Koch.