

Additions to the Library.

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BOOKS, &c.

"A Book-Lover's Holidays in the Open," by Theodore Roosevelt.
John Murray, London.

The late Theodore Roosevelt was not only a big game hunter—he was a lover of wild nature; and no man in public life has done more for its preservation in the United States. On the initiative of the Audubon Society, the National Government, when Mr. Roosevelt was President, began the great work of creating and policing bird refuges. Many sanctuaries were established, and to-day North America leads the world in bird-protection. This book reveals the author as an observer rather than a hunter. The most interesting chapter to an ornithologist is that describing bird reserves at the mouth of the Mississippi. The reservation was set apart by presidential proclamation in 1905, when, of the five chief species (Royal Terns, Caspian Terns, Cabot's Terns, Laughing Gulls, and Skimmers) there were about 1,000 nests. In 1915, when Mr. Roosevelt visited the sanctuary, the number of nests was about 35,000. Brown Pelicans and Louisiana Herons also showed a marked increase; while the Least Tern, which had been exterminated or driven away, had returned, and was breeding in fair numbers.

"Wild Animals of Glacier National Park": The Mammals, by Vernon Bailey; The Birds, by Florence Merriam Bailey. U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington.

A guide-book *de luxe* to one of the great reserves in the United States. It is pleasantly written and well illustrated and printed. The introductory chapter deals with physiography and life-zones, and there is a large map. The Glacier National Park "lies in North-Western Montana, along the main range of the Rocky Mountains, from the Canadian boundary south to the Great Northern Railway." The bird and mammal life of the Park are so rich and varied, it is stated, that each is worthy of a volume by itself. The bird population includes Grebes, Ducks, Bitterns, Rails, Coots, Plover, Grouse, Hawks, Owls, Crows, Ravens, Woodpeckers, Warblers, and so forth. Many species, of course, are only summer visitants, but there is a number of permanent residents.

"Birds of the Philippine Islands, Alaska, &c.," by Richard C. M'Gregor.

A number of pamphlets (reprints from journals, &c.); presented by the author.

"A Practical Handbook of British Birds," edited by H. F. Witherby. Parts 2 and 3. Witherby and Co., London.

"Report on the Progress and Condition of the United States National Museum for the Year Ending 30th June, 1918." Washington: Government Printing Office.

This report states that, by an exchange with the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery of Western Australia, ten species and six genera hitherto unrepresented in the museum were added to the bird collections.

Reprints of contributions by Harry C. Oberholser to the *Proceedings of the United States Museum*:—"The Races of the Nicobar Megapode," "The Birds of the Tumbelon Islands," &c., &c.

II. -PERIODICALS RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE.

Australian Naturalist, vol. iv., part 7.

Auk, vol. xxxvi., part 3.

Avicultural Magazine, vol. x., parts 7 and 8.

British Birds, vol. xii., part 12; vol. xiii., part 1.

Bird Lore, vol. xxi., part 3.

Condor, vol. xxi., part 3.

Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, vol. xxxi., part 2.

Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales, vol. xlv., part 1.

Revue Francaise d'Ornithologie, Nos. 117, 118, and 120.

Science and Industry, vol. i., parts 1 and 2.

South Australian Ornithologist, vol. iv., part 3.

Victorian Naturalist, vol. xxxv., parts 10, 11, and 12.

ARTICLES ON AUSTRALASIAN BIRDS IN THE PERIODICALS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE LIST.

"The History of Birds' Nests," by A. G. Butler, Ph.D. *Avicultural Journal*, vol. x., part 7, p. 119.

The nest of *Grallina picata* is mentioned by Dr. Butler, and his article is illustrated with a fine photograph (by Messrs. R. T. Littlejohns and S. A. Lawrence, both members of the R.A.O.U.) of a White-browed Wood-Swallow at its nest.

"Notes from the Lake Frome District (S.A.)," by J. Neil M'Gilp, J.P., R.A.O.U. *South Australian Ornithologist*, vol. iv., part 3, p. 70.

An interesting list of the birds observed on Moolawatana Station from March, 1918, to March, 1919. Of the 136 native species noted, 70 are known to breed in the district.

"Regent Honey-eaters: Visit to the Adelaide Plains," by J. W. Mellor, R.A.O.U. *South Australian Ornithologist*, vol. iv., part 3, p. 74.

During the latter part of April and early in May, 1919, Regent Honey-eaters appeared in numbers on Mr. Mellor's estate in the Lockleys district, South Australia. They appeared suddenly and

quickly disappeared, and were evidently "migrating rapidly, most likely forced on their journey by the exceptionally dry season experienced in the State."

"On the Destruction of Mutton-Birds and Penguins at Phillip Island," by Joseph Gabriel. *Victorian Naturalist*, vol. xxxv., part 12.

Foxes, Mr. Gabriel states, are rapidly increasing in numbers on Phillip Island (Vic.), and are a great menace to the sea-birds breeding there. In October, 1918, for instance, hundreds of Mutton-Birds were seen lying dead outside their burrows. The foxes catch the birds as they go out in the morning. Local residents fear that the time will come when Petrels and Penguins will cease to exist so far as the island is concerned.

R.A.O.U. Annual Session.

As this issue was going to press, the Annual Session of the Union was being held in Brisbane. It extended from 24th September to 27th September, and was to be followed by an excursion to the Bunya Mountains lasting ten days. A report of the proceedings will appear in the January number of *The Emu*.

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