

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.

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