

the American museums. A most complete and well-illustrated article on the Herring Gull, by R. M. Strong, is published in the report, and contains much information on the nesting habits of these birds.

*Our Dumb Animals*, November, 1915, Massachusetts.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt has an article on the King-Bird or Tyrant Flycatcher, in which he shows how inaccurate the title "Tyrant" is when applied to this delightful bird.

*Blue-Bird* (junior Audubon monthly), September, 1915.

Part III. of Dr. R. W. Shufeldt's article on the "Eggs of North American Water-Birds" appears in this issue. Beautiful illustrations in natural size are given of the eggs of Xantus Murrelet (*Brachyramphus hypoleucus*), Black Guillemot (*Cephus grylle*), and Razor-billed Auk (*Alca torda*).

*The South Australian Ornithologist*, January, 1916.

Capt. S. A. White describes a new sub-species of Parrot, which he names *Barnardius barnardi lindoi*, from Flinders Range, South Australia. Dr. A. M. Morgan gives an account of "The Migration of Swallows in South Australia." We have still much to learn concerning the migration of our birds, and this article is helpful.

Mr. H. C. Oberholser has forwarded a reprint of his "Review of the Sub-species of the Ruddy Kingfisher (*Entomothera coramanda*)," published in the *Proceedings of the U.S. National Museum*, 1915. The number of sub-species recognized is nine, from Celebes, Andaman Islands, Malay Peninsula, Philippine Islands, Japan, Riu Kiu Island, Pago Island, Borneo, and Sumatra; those from Andaman Islands, Sumatra, Pago Island, Philippine Islands, and Riu Kiu Islands being described as new.

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