

**Oberholser on the Subspecies of Leach's Petrel.**<sup>1</sup>—No less than three petrels of this group have been described from the western coast of North America.—*Oceanodroma kaedingi*, *beali* and *beldingi*. Difference of opinion has prevailed as to their relationship to one another as well as to *O. leucorhoa*. After the study of a large series of specimens including the types of all the west coast forms, Mr. Oberholser comes to the conclusion that true *leucorhoa* is found in the North Pacific as well as in the Atlantic. That *O. beali* is recognizable as a smaller subspecies ranging from southeastern Alaska to California and that *O. kaedingi* is a still better marked subspecies occurring off the coast of Lower California. *O. beldingi* he cannot separate from *beali*. It will be interesting to see whether his conclusions will be endorsed by others or whether a still different conclusion will be reached by the next student of the group. Certainly he has presented the most careful and detailed study that has yet been offered.—W. S.

**Oberholser on Birds from Islands in the Java and China Seas.**—The first of these papers<sup>2</sup> covers collections from four islands, Solombo Besar, Arends, Pulo, Mata Siri and Pulo Kalambau. Fourteen new forms are described as well as one new genus, *Perissolalage* (p. 182) type *P. chalepa* sp. nov., from Solombo Besar, based on a single female. Another more extended paper<sup>3</sup> treats of the birds of the Anamba Islands, fifty-six in number, of which nineteen are new subspecies here described for the first time. All the collections were made by Dr. W. L. Abbott.—W. S.

**Paxson on the Last of the Wild Pigeon in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.**<sup>4</sup>—Col. Paxson has spent much time in gathering the data contained in this interesting paper and is to be congratulated upon publishing it and thus placing it on permanent record. Upon glancing over the pages we realize what an amount of information can be gathered by interviewing old pigeon trappers and hunters, and are surprised that more intelligent research along these lines has not been conducted. Some of the information gathered in this manner is probably of no great value but much of it is extremely interesting and when we realize that not only is the last pigeon dead, but that every year the men who formerly hunted the bird are becoming fewer and fewer, we appreciate work of the sort that has resulted

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<sup>1</sup> A Review of the Subspecies of the Leach Petrel, *Oceanodroma leucorhoa* (Vieillot). By Harry C. Oberholser. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., Vol. 54, pp. 165–172. Published October 19, 1917.

<sup>2</sup> Birds Collected by Dr. W. L. Abbott on Various Islands in the Java Sea. By Harry C. Oberholser. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., Vol. 54, pp. 177–200. November 2, 1917.

<sup>3</sup> The Birds of the Anamba Islands, Bull. 98, U. S. Nat. Mus., pp. 1–75, June 30, 1917 [not received until November.]

<sup>4</sup> The Last of the Wild Pigeon in Bucks County. A Paper by Henry D. Paxson. Read at the Fall Meeting of the Bucks County Historical Society, held at Chalfont, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tuesday, October 22, 1912. [Printed October, 1917.] 8vo, pp. 1–18.



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