

THE BIRDS OF OHIO.

Quite recently a neat volume under the above title has appeared. The work contains 671 quarto pages; the author is William Leon Dawson, A. M., with introduction and keys by Professor Lynds Jones, of Oberlin College. The subject of Ohio birds is fully treated both from technical and popular standpoints, consideration being given to nesting habits, recognition marks and distribution of each species. Many of the species are represented by plates made after the tricolor process of photography, and besides over 200 first-class halftones add to the value and interest of the work. Most of the photographs from which the halftones were made are the author's own, but it is also a pleasure to note that a number of credits are given for photographs furnished by many others, some of whom are or have been students at the university. The volume will surely be an important factor in stimulating the study of Ornithology in Ohio and elsewhere. With the work which Professor Jones has recently done and published in a special paper of the Ohio State Academy of Science, the bird fauna of the State is so thoroughly known that it is not probable that many new records of species will be added. As careful keys have been prepared for all the species taken so far, the Ohio student has in "The Birds of Ohio" a monograph to which he can turn for satisfaction in all local matters concerned with the subject treated. The author has treated the species beginning with what are known as the highest birds, an arrangement which does not seem quite natural, but as he gives good reasons for so doing we do not feel like taking exceptions to the order adopted. The Northern Raven on account of his shrewdness and dignity is a splendid subject with which to begin so important a work.

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