

WHITE GYRFALCON IN ALBERTA. — A White Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus candicans*) in mature plumage, was shot early in December, 1936, on a farm ten miles south-east of Stavely, Alberta, by Mr. C. L. Schlosser of that town. In a letter, Mr. Schlosser states that the bird had been molesting the chickens on his father's farm and for some time it was believed to be a snowy owl. When killed with .22 rifle he thought he had secured an albino hawk. On taking it to Mr. Cook, a Calgary taxidermist, it was at once identified as a white gyrfalcon. The mounted bird is now in Mr. E. C. Webster's

office in Stavely. Stavely is about 70 miles south of Calgary. As far as I am aware this is the second recorded occurrence of the white gyrfalcon in Alberta. The first was a bird killed a few miles north of Red Deer in December, 1920. This was recorded in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, March, 1922, p. 58. Several of the dark forms of the gyrfalcon have been killed in the province, two of them being recorded in *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* for February, 1906. — FRANK L. FARLEY, *Camrose, Alberta.*

### BOOK REVIEW

VICTORIAN SEA SHELLS *A Handbook for Collectors and Students.* by Charles J. Gabriel. Published by the Field Naturalists' Club of Victoria, 1936. 1/6.

A popular guide to the sea-shells of Victoria,

Australia. The descriptions are accurate but not so "scientific" as to discourage the amateur. The illustrations by Joyce K. Allan are both accurate and pleasing.—A. L.

### NATURAL HISTORY OF THE OTTAWA REGION

A committee of The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club is at present engaged in compiling lists of the fauna and flora of the Ottawa region which they hope to publish in book form when their information is reasonably complete.

Progress to date been very encouraging; Mr. Clyde Patch has completed the part dealing with Amphibians and Reptiles, Mr. Taka Kurata the Spiders and Mr. Hoyes Lloyd the Birds. Lists of Fossils, Mollusca and Fishes are under way and many specialists have promised their co-operation in other fields.

Workers interested in this project may communicate with the undersigned who will appreciate suggestions and criticisms.

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