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Berlepsch on Birds of the Aru Islands.¹— This paper, while based primarily upon a collection made by Dr. Hugo Merton from January to May, 1908, is extended to include all species hitherto reported from the islands. References to place of publication, type locality, and published records for each species are given, which form a valuable summary of our knowledge of the birds of this interesting group. A table is appended showing the distribution of the species or related geographic races in New Guinea and other neighboring islands.— W. S.

Riley on Three New Birds from Canada ²— In identifying a collection of birds taken on the 1911 Expedition of the Alpine Club of Canada to Jasper Park, Yellowhead Pass, and the Mount Robson region of British Columbia and Alberta, Mr. Riley finds three races which he regards as separable. A Song Sparrow, Melospiza melodia inexpedata, is intermediate between M. m. rufina and M. m. merrilli, apparently a case of very close splitting since the last form has been recently regarded as merely an intermediate between rufina and montana. A Fox Sparrow, Passerella iliaca altivagans, is based upon "two slightly immature birds from Moose Branch of the Smoky River" and some migrants from farther south. Mr. Riley’s studies of the Willow Ptarmigan lead him to recognize three forms in North America, Lagopus lagopus alexandrei Grinnell from the southwestern coast of Alaska, L. l. albus Gmelin from Hudson Bay to Siberia, and a form from Ungava which he names L. l. ungavus.— W. S.


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