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The upshot of all this is that the new book should be used with caution by anyone not familiar with the area. It is extremely useful to have the birds discovered since Bannerman's day included and to note the various 'species' which have now been reduced to racial status. We also get a more up to date view of the range of many species, and, to digress to Vol.II for a moment, the immature plumages of the Birds of Prey which Bannerman hardly touched on are very valuable. But for all that, I should still advise anyone who wants more than pictures to continue to use Bannerman, and if only someone could revise Bannerman (bringing it up to date and cutting down on the surplus verbiage) it would still be a first-class book.

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