

**Catálogo de las Aves Cubanas por Don Juan Gundlach publicado en los Anales de la Sociedad Española de Historial Natural, en 1873 con Comentarios al Catálogo y Listado Acualizado de las Aves de Cuba Realizados por Rafael Pardo.**—Servicio de Reproducción de Libros de Librerías París–Valencia. Valencia. 1996. 35 + 191 + 19 pp. Paper, \$30.00.—This facsimile edition of Juan Gundlach's original *Catálogo*, first published in the *Anales de la Sociedad de Historia Natural* in 1873, will be welcomed by all ornithologists working in Cuba. It replaces my well-worn photocopy of Gundlach's still quite useful original work.

The publication is divided into three parts. The first consists of Rafael Pardo's "commentary" on the *Catálogo*, with a brief assessment of Gundlach's contributions to Cuban zoology, followed by a synonymy of common and Latin names used by the original author. This synonymy is especially useful as one ponders such old names as *Regherinus wilsonii* (Hook-billed or Cuban Kite) and *Erismatura rubida* (Ruddy Duck) in the facsimile catalogue. Pardo also provides order, family, subfamily, tribe (where appropriate) for each of the birds treated.

The second part of the publication consists of the facsimile copy of the original *Catálogo* (with original pagination from the *Anales*). Following the species accounts in the 27 families treated by the author, Gundlach provides information on additional bird species in four appendices: Apéndice I, "Catálogo de las aves introducidas en la isla de Cuba, y ya

observadas, criando en estado silvestre"; Apéndice II, "Catálogo de las aves observadas en el campo, pero probablemente huidas de jaulas"; Apéndice III, "Catálogo de las aves indicadas como pertenecientes á la ornitología cubana, pero equivocadas con otras que, en efecto, se encuentran en la isla de Cuba"; and Apéndice IV, "Catálogo de las aves indicadas como pertenecientes á la ornitología cubana, pero indudablemente por error ó falta de exámen crítico de sus individuos."

The third part of the publication is a "Listado actualizado de las aves de Cuba realizado por Rafael Pardo," which includes additions to the avifauna of the island since Gundlach's period (e.g., Zapata Wren *Ferminia cerverai*, Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*). This list consists of phylogenetically arranged species, by order, family and subfamily. Latin, English, and Spanish names are provided, along with status. Five degrees of endangerment are given for those species considered extinct or at risk.

A bibliography completes the publication, although most of the references are of a general nature; e.g., Burton's (1989) "Birds of prey," with only a few references specific to Cuba.

This publication follows the recent facsimile reproduction of Juan Lembeye's important work from the same century (see *El Pitirre* 9[3]:32). This gives workers in the region hope that additional rare publications will soon see light as facsimile editions. —JAMES W. WILEY.

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