

on every group..... Whoever finds it worth his while to learn all he can about a group of plants or animals will not only have an unending source of satisfaction, but is likely to help break the barriers of our ignorance."

A small paperback of 216 pages cannot give more than a mere outline of a subject. I would like to have found more about such things as DNA and the Krebs cycle. But the fundamental terms used in ecology, like entropy and uniformity, are defined. Finally, Dr. Sears' profound respect for the fundamental balances of nature amounts to a philosophy, if not a religion. Every chapter is permeated by veneration for the laws of nature and the universe. He is an evangelist crying for understanding of and humility before forces greater than ourselves.

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FRENCH CONSERVATION STAMP  
By Ronald Leberman

My brother Bob and I have been collecting stamps for the last ten years. Last fall when he came home from Powdermill Nature Reserve (where he is employed as a bird bander and naturalist) we were checking over some newer stamps and found one that may be of interest to EBBA news readers.

The stamp (at right) is one of a set of four issued Nov. 12, 1960 by France to publicize wildlife protection in that country. The remaining three stamps of the set depict Puffins, Wild Ducks and Bee Eaters. The value of the stamp is about twenty cents unused.

The thing that took our eye immediately was the band drawn on the Lapwing's right leg, and the words meaning "Lapwing - Study of Migrations - Museum of Paris." Upon closer examination we found two netters removing Lapwings from nets in the background.

The stamp is in natural colors. We now are wondering if other countries have similar issues?

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