

us, a book is apt to be out of date by the time it appears in bookstores. Ardrey, himself, in his more recent book, corrects some of the statements he made in the earlier work.

In closing I must confess that I have somewhat misled you. If I had started off with the following publisher's blurb, you might have decided immediately that, as a bird bander, this would be a book you didn't need. "African Genesis presents a fascinating array of new scientific evidence, largely accumulated over the past thirty years, on the origins of man. It is the author's unorthodox and intriguing theory that Homo sapiens developed from carnivorous, predatory killer apes and that man's age-old affinity for war and weapons is the natural result of this inherited animal instinct. African Genesis will long continue to be read and remembered not only for the startlingly radical ideas which it champions, but also for the exceptional clarity of its style and the sense of mounting excitement which it vividly generates."

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#### RANDOM NOTES ... By Constance R. Katholi

A new resident in our neighborhood this year, a Mockingbird, has established a winter territory in my back yard. He takes a dim view of banding activities there and flies in promptly from the forsythia bush to perch over my head and scold vociferously if any of the captives in the trap, net, or hand utter distress calls.

One day last spring, noticing from the window a net being violently agitated, I rushed outside - thinking it was a Pileated Woodpecker at least - to discover a female Summer Tanager "flycatching" - trying, on the wing, to remove a large brown beetle enmeshed in the net.

Noticing a female Baltimore Oriole attempting to find nesting material in my banded net, I decided to help her. I placed short lengths of string at intervals over the top trammel. In no time at all she found them, and in the bargain got herself tangled in the net - which was, after all, the real reason I assisted her! What does the old adage say, you can catch more flies with sugar than with vinegar ...

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