

Mr. James A. Powell, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Comm., Tallahassee, Fla. 32304 - to use blue and/or green plastic neck bands on Canada Geese. In the state of Florida.

Mr. David Samuel, 145 Dorsey Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. 26505 - to use white, red, blue, orange, yellow, green, gold, black, blue and/or pink paint and/or leg bands on Cliff and Barn Swallows. Vicinity of Bruceston, West Virginia.

SPECIAL REVIEW: "BIRDS IN OUR LIVES"

By Ted S. Pettit

"Birds in Our Lives" United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Washington, D.C. For sale by Superintendent of Documents, \$9. Alfred Stefferud, Editor; Arnold L. Nelson, Managing Editor; Bob Hines, Artist. 576 pp., 372 photographs, 80 drawings.

When I first heard about it, I thought this was the kind of book you left on the living room table to impress visitors. It isn't. It's a book to read, to enjoy, and for me anyway, to learn from. The editors have achieved their purpose: "Our aim in this book is to give a wide perspective of birds as they affect and are affected by people, other birds and other forms of life and activities." Much of the book could be subtitled "The Ecology of Birds".

Sixty-one authors in as many chapters cover the subject of birds in these categories: In Perspective; Literature and Arts; Sports and Recreation; In Nature's Scheme; Science and Husbandry; The Hand of Man; For Better or Worse; Answers to Conflict; Working for Their Survival. Several of the authors are EBBA members, and all are tops in their field.

It is difficult to select a few chapters from a book of this sort for special comment - all are well done. I was especially interested in Joseph Hickey's birds and pesticides; Roland Clement's on man's affect on habitat; Carlton Herman's on birds and our health; Ernst Mayr's on birds and science; Joseph Linduska's on hunting; Clarence Cottam's on a conservationist's view and Durward Allen's on hunting and vandalism. Allen Duvall has a fine story of banding and Chan Robbins did an excellent job telling about the Christmas Count.

This is a book for both birders and non-birders, in fact for any nature-hobbyist. If you have any friends who think you are a "kook" because of your hobby, loan them a copy of "Birds in Our Lives". They will change their attitude.

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