

Curassows and Related Birds. Jean Deacour and Dean Amadon, American Museum of Natural History, N. Y., 1973. 250 pp. \$20 plus \$1 postage. A semipopular monograph on the family *Cracidae*: 45 species of curassows, chachalacas, and guans, illustrated with 30 color plates by Al Gilbert (25) George M. Sutton (4) and D. M. Reid Henry (1). Complete bibliography. Well-written, authoritative; like many heavily subsidized books, an excellent buy.

Birding from a Tractor Seat, Charles T. Flugum, Box 30038, St. Paul, Minn. 55175. Ill. by Walter J. Brecknridge. 435 pp. 1973. \$7.95. A collection of writings on birds by the well known Minnesota "dirt farmer."



Manx Shearwater Breeds in North America

Discovered nesting on Penikese Island, Massachusetts, on June 6, 1973, by Gus Ben David, the Manx Shearwater *Puffinus p. puffinus* is thus added to the list of confirmed North American breeding birds. The nestling was photographed by Richard O. Bierregaard, Jr.

News and Notes

Announcement has been made of the formation of the Alberta Ornithological Records Committee, by the parent organization, the Federation of Alberta Naturalists. The seven-member committee, under the Chairmanship of W. Ray Salt, includes representation from Saskatchewan and British Columbia, and will henceforth serve as a repository of records of birds from Alberta, and will on request examine the validity of records of rare or unusual birds in Alberta. The committee will shortly issue a standard report form for observations. The Federation's address is Box 1472, Edmonton, Alta, T5J 2N5.

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The early Winter Range Mapping Project, suggested in these pages (*Am. Birds* 25: 514), has become one of the most important byproducts of this journal in its 27-year history. A first call for volunteers to map the winter ranges of species from data published in Christmas Bird Counts resulted in response by more than 80 volunteer mappers, who "adopted" some 220 species as their own personal projects.

A second call, in 1973 added another 80 volunteers to the roles, with over 480 species now spoken for. And during the year, an agreement was worked out between the Patuxent Wildlife

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