

Books on special groups of birds

More of these books are appearing each year. Here are three good ones, the last two classics.

- 49 The Owls of North America, A. E. Eckert, and K. E. Karalus. 1974. Doubleday, New York.
- 50 Eagles, Hawks and Falcons of the World, L. Brown and D. Amadon.*
- 51 Oceanic Birds of South America, 2 vols., R. C. Murphy.*

Books with fine illustrations

- 52 The Shorebirds of North America, G. D. Stout *et al.**
The best showcase in print of the art of Robert Verity Clem.
- 53 Hummingbirds, Crawford H. Greenwalt.*†
- 54 Parrots of the World, Joseph M. Forshaw. 1974. Doubleday, New York.
- 55 Frances Lee Jaques, Artist of the Wilderness World, Florence Page Jaques. 1973. Doubleday, New York.
- 56 Louis Agazzis Fuertes and the Singular Beauty of Birds, F. G. Marsham, ed. 1971. Harper & Row, New York.
- 57 Portraits of Mexican Birds: Fifty Selected Paintings, George Miksh Sutton. 1975. Univ. of Oklahoma Press, Norman.

- 58. The Audubon Society Book of Wild Birds, Les Line 1976. Harry N. Abrams, New York. Bird photography as art.

Bird Watching

- 59. A Guide to Bird Watching, J. J. Hickey.*
- 60. Watching Birds, James Fisher. 1941, 1951. Pelican Books, Hammondsworth, England. A fine brief introduction.

Good Reading

Many of the books listed above are good reading; the two books listed here are anthologies.

- 61. The Bird Watcher's Anthology, R. T. Peterson, ed.*
- 62. A Treasury of Bird Lore, Joseph Wood Krutch and Paul Eriksson, eds. 1962. Doubleday, New York.†

History

- 63. Ornithology, from Aristotle to the Present. Erwin Stresemann.*

Attracting Birds

- 64. Songbirds in Your Garden, John K. Terres, 1968 Crowell, New York.
- 65. The New Handbook of Attracting Birds, Thomas McElroy, Jr. 1961. rev. Knopf, New York.

An Annotated Selection of Regional Bird Books

In updating this listing of regional works, brief comment has been added on most of the titles. It is strongly advised, because many of these books are major investments, that before buying, one reviews the prospective purchase at a library. Inclusion on this list does not imply that the works are of equal quality. In general we have not included bird-finding guides although many regional books incorporate such a section. Unless a reference is of classical stature, nothing published prior to 1940 is included. — S.R.D.

United States

Alabama

- Imhof, Thomas A. 1976. *Alabama Birds*. Second

(revised) Edition. University of Alabama Press, University, Alabama.

Exhaustive in scope and treatment. Covers abundance, distributions, migration, nesting, past and present status of each species, and incorporates discussions of habitat and seasonality of Alabama birds. Reviewed p. 1006.

Alaska

Gabrielson, Ira N. and Frederick C. Lincoln. 1959. *The Birds of Alaska*. Stackpole Co., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and The Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C.

A thorough state reference containing: history of Alaskan ornithology, species range in Alaska, abundant records and field notes, list of specimens in Russian collections, 'habits and haunts' discussion, gazetteer,

bibliography, ecological zones explanation, 13 four-color plates and an appendix of species added through July, 1958. Parts are dated, a valuable source.

Arizona

Phillips, Allan and Joe Marshall, and Gale Monson. 1964. *The Birds of Arizona*. The University of Arizona Press. Tucson, Arizona.

An excellent, illuminating, scholarly treatment. The range maps are especially well executed. Considerable attention to taxonomy.

Arkansas

Baerg, W. J. 1951. *Birds of Arkansas*. Second (revised) Edition. Agricultural Experiment Station. University of Arkansas College of Agriculture. Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Adequate but not exceptional treatment of Arkansas birds. Needs updating but will serve usefully until a new edition appears.

California

Small, Arnold. *Birds of California*. 1974. Winchester Press, New York. Issued in paperback edition — illustrated — 1975. (Collier), Macmillan, New York.

Small describes twenty-five different habitats and their bird denizens. An annotated list of the 518 birds recorded in California gives habitat, seasonal status, and range. 300 plus photographs. The reader will find himself longing for a map indicating localities mentioned in the text. There is no botanical reference, no bibliography, no geological reference.

Grinnell, Joseph and Alden H. Miller. 1944. *The Distribution of the Birds of California*. Pacific Coast Avifauna Number 27, Cooper Ornithological Club. Berkeley, California.

Comprehensive treatment of the distribution of the avifauna of California. Lacks information on migration; is generally more a 'where' than 'when' compendium. Although somewhat out-of-date, it still stands as the reliable source summarizing the major information of most California bird species.

Colorado

Bailey, Alfred M., and Robert J. Niedrach. 1965. *Birds of Colorado*. 2 vols. (Illus.). Denver Museum of Natural History, Denver.

Certainly an above-average study. Informs reader of the relative status of species in neighboring states when applicable. Very creditable distribution accounts. It however, contains no map and so the reader must keep an atlas close at hand.

Connecticut

There is a new state book in preparation.

Florida

Sprunt, Alexander Jr. 1954. *Florida Bird Life*. Coward-McCann, Inc., New York and the National Audubon Society, New York.

An updating of the Howell-Jaques first edition. Now

very much out of date. Discusses each species and race in detail. Jaques plates.

Stevenson, Henry M. 1960. *A Key to Florida Birds* Peninsula Publishing Co., Tallahassee, Florida.

Telegraphic, precise, ultimately practical approach outlining status briefly with few details delineating seasonality, abundance, breeding status, etc.

Georgia

Burleigh, Thomas D. 1958. *Georgia Birds*. (Illus.) University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma

Not a thorough analysis of the avifauna of a state that is not well-worked ornithologically, but shouldn't be overlooked as an acceptable reference.

Hawaii

Berger, Andrew J. 1973. *Hawaiian Birdlife*. University Press of Hawaii, Honolulu.

A thorough, well-organized book which can be considered the definitive work on the avifauna of Hawaii. It outdates Munro's "Birds of Hawaii." Detailed discussions on the history of the islands and the variety of habitats that evolved through approximately 15-20 million years of isolation.

Ord, Michael. 1976. *Hawaii's Birds*. (Illus.). Hawaii Audubon Society, Honolulu.

Idaho

Burleigh, Thomas D. 1972. *Birds of Idaho*. (Illus.) Caxton Printers, Caldwell, Idaho.

The first detailed work on the birds of Idaho. Each species writeup lists records of Burleigh and others, species range and status in Idaho, a short section on species' habits. Bibliography. Photos and map leave much to be desired.

Iowa

DuMont, Philip A. 1933. *A Revised List of the Birds of Iowa*. University of Iowa Studies in Natural History Iowa City, Iowa.

An admirable distributional study but out-of-date regarding accidentals, new additions to state list, extreme dates, etc.

Kansas

Johnston, Richard F. 1960. *Directory to the Birdlife of Kansas*. Museum of Natural History. The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

A modest publication with limited coverage of abundance, habitat preference, dates of occurrence, breeding schedule, clutch size and additional literature citations for the 379 species (461 species and subspecies) known to have occurred in Kansas.

Goodrich, Arthur L. 1945. *Birds in Kansas*. Report of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas

A traditional state bird book comprising all of the usual features with one unique component: an explanation of the scientific name of each species. The line drawings are commendable.

Kentucky

Barbour, R.W., C.T. Peterson, D. Rust, H.E. Shadowen, A L Whitt, Jr. 1975. *Kentucky Birds*. University of Kentucky Press, Lexington, Kentucky.

Excellent coverage of the state birds including abundance, seasonal occurrence, habitat preference, and breeding details. The last one-third of the book is devoted to bird-finding in the state and is concise and not overdone.

Mengel, Robert M. 1965. *The Birds of Kentucky*. Ornithological Monographs No. 3. The American Ornithologists' Union.

A veritable object lesson in the state bird book as we know it. Covers habitat, range, status, abundance, and migration. Contains model discussions on those species whose range is expanding or should be expanding and also superb range maps.

Louisiana

Lowery, George H., Jr., PhD. 1974. *Louisiana Birds*. Third (revised) Edition. (Illus.). Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A completely revised state bird book. See review *Am. Birds* 29:1040.

Maine

Palmer, Ralph S. 1949. *Maine Birds*. Bulletin of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College, Vol 102. Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Plan of this thorough book includes spring and fall migration information with extreme dates and where possible, peak dates, species' status summary, notes on flight years or incursions, breeding &/or summer data, winter status, ecological and general remarks on historical changes in status, behavior, taxonomy. Discusses 365 plus species and contains an extensive citation listing. Needs updating. Excellent and recommended.

Maryland

Stewart, Robert E. and Chandler S. Robbins. 1958. *Birds of Maryland and the District of Columbia*. North American Fauna Number 62. United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

Covers all of the usual material as well as analyzing banding recovery data, maximum counts, extreme dates, comparative abundance, maps of biotic areas, and sections in Maryland where each species may be expected and when. Out-of-print and out-of-date with respect to more obscure species (i.e., pelagics), and predates several new additions (e.g., Cattle Egret, House Finch, Am. Avocet).

Massachusetts

Bagg, Aaron C. and Samuel Atkins Eliot, Jr. 1939. *Birds of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts*. The Hampshire Bookshop, Northampton, Massachusetts.

Exhaustive and valuable in spite of its old age. A classic in form, style and content.

Forbush, Edward Howe. 1925-1929. *Birds of Massachusetts and other New England States*. Mass-

achusetts Department of Agriculture, Boston, Massachusetts.

See Ken Parkes' remarks regarding this singular work, p. 1011, number 7.

Griscom, Ludlow and Dorothy E. Snyder. 1955. *The Birds of Massachusetts. An Annotated and Revised Check List*. Peabody Museum, Salem, Massachusetts

Dated but, remains much more than an annotated checklist.

Michigan

Wood, Norman A. 1951. *The Birds of Michigan* Miscellaneous Publications, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, No. 75. University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Fully documented account of the status of Michigan birds. Limited to distribution, relative abundance and migration. No color plates, no plumage descriptions, no detailed accounts of habits or habitats. Contains one Michigan counties map, 16 black and white plates of poor quality and dubious merit and a reasonably fat bibliography.

Minnesota

Green, Janet and Robert B. Janssen. 1975. *Minnesota Birds: Where, When and How Many*. (Illus.). University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Authoritative, impressive, exemplary state bird book treating the migration, distribution and seasonal status of the 374 species recorded in Minnesota. Species accounts are lucid and distribution maps well executed

Roberts, Thomas S. 1955. *A Manual for the Identification of the Birds of Minnesota and Neighboring States* Revised Edition. The University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Taken from the famous Roberts's *The Birds of Minnesota*, (1932 — out-of-print) this key still stands as an advanced-level reference for those who have the bird in hand and require more information about fine points of identification, distribution, age determination, and migratory status than the bare-bones offered in most field guides.

Mississippi

Burleigh, Thomas D. 1944. *The Bird Life of the Gulf Coast of Mississippi*. Occasional Papers Museum of Zoology, Louisiana State University, No. 20. Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Does not cover the entire state of Mississippi but, is an excellent reference for the birds of the Gulf Coast Predictably dated but not antique. Recommended.

Montana

Skaar, P. D. *Montana Bird Distribution*. 1975. P D Skaar, Bozeman, Montana.

The author has chosen a unique scheme to illustrate the distributional status of every one of the 357 species' maps based on latilongs, which are areas between lines of latitude and longitude. The scheme is simple and should be eminently useful.

Nevada

Linsdale, Jean M. 1936. *The Birds of Nevada*. Pacific Coast Avifauna Number 23. Cooper Ornithological Society Los Angeles, California.

Supplement published in *Condor*. 1951. Vol. 53, No. 5

Too old to be of much value. The supplement that appeared in *The Condor* renders the 1936 Linsdale at least usable but Nevada's birds could benefit from a fresh approach and a thoroughgoing revision.

New Hampshire

Richards, Tudor. 1958. *A List of the Birds of New Hampshire*. Audubon Society of New Hampshire.

Not intended as a scientific treatise but rather an attempt to describe the approximate status, in respect to seasonal and geographic occurrence, of every bird species (approximately 350), known or believed to occur in New Hampshire.

New Jersey

Leck, Charles. 1975. *The Birds of New Jersey: Their Habits and Habitats*. Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

This state book does not follow traditional lines but rather discusses major avian communities: the bird life of well-defined habitats. The maps and habitat/bird discussions are less precise than desirable but the neophyte birder in New Jersey will count it among his aids in bird-finding.

Stone, Witmer. 1937, 1965. *Bird Studies at Old Cape May*. (2 Vols.) Dover Publications, New York, New York.

Monumental landmark study of the birds of Cape May but not limited to that area alone. These volumes cover the entire coast of New Jersey, with emphasis on the southern one-half of the state. A classic regional work.

New Mexico

Hubbard, John P. 1970. *Check-list of the Birds of New Mexico*. New Mexico Ornithological Society. Publication 3

A fine concise source containing material updated or missing from the Ligon 1961 work. Not a definitive reference.

Ligon, Stokley J. 1961. *New Mexico Birds*. University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Fairly complete treatment of the birds of New Mexico but, is becoming outdated quickly. This work lacks details like peak migration times, biggest counts, precise and distinguished maps. A concentrated modernization would enhance the present work.

New York

Bull, John. 1974. *Birds of New York State*. (Illus.). Doubleday & Co., New York, New York.

Bull, John. 1976. *Supplement To Birds of New York State*. Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc.

Without question an essential reference for the student of New York State avifauna; includes in Part 2 — Family and Species Accounts — discussion of 410 species. Voluminous data on the geographical distribution, range

changes, seasonal occurrence, nesting period, egg dates, and bird banding recoveries analysis. Included are 86 black-and-white photographs and nine color plates. There is an index, gazetteer, and a bibliography. The 1976 Supplement brings the records up to date. See review p. 1008.

North Carolina

Pearson, Thomas G., Clement Samuel Brimley, Herbert Hutchinson Brimley. 1959. *Birds of North Carolina* Revised Edition. North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The updated version of the 1942 *Birds of North Carolina*. It gives considerable documentation and attention to the new species added to the state list and totals it at 408 species. There are no distribution maps, no simple relative abundance graphic representations, no interesting color and black-and-white plates.

North Dakota

Stewart, Robert E. 1975. *Breeding Birds of North Dakota*. Tri-College Center for Environmental Studies, Fargo, North Dakota.

Limited to past and present status of northern prairie and interior plains *breeding* birds. Excellent species accounts treat breeding habitat, range (with many and extensive maps), and nesting comprehensively.

Ohio

Trautman, Milton B. 1940. *The Birds of Buckeye Lake, Ohio*. Museum of Zoology, Miscellaneous Publications No. 44. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

A systematic account of 282 species and six subspecies recorded in the Buckeye Lake area with extensive analysis and historical account of the vegetation and avifauna therein. By no means a state reference, but merits inclusion on this list because Ohio titles are almost nil.

Oklahoma

Sutton, George Miksch. 1967. *Oklahoma Birds*. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma.

Data has been gathered from all of the 77 counties, from all elevations, during all seasons, night and day, with special attention paid to eleven physiographic regions, six vegetational regions, ten biotic districts, and twelve 'game' type areas — and once gathered has been interestingly discussed and charmingly illustrated via 29 of G. M. Sutton's own works.

A new state bird book is in preparation.

Oregon

Gabrielson, Ira N. and Stanley G. Jewett. 1940. *Birds of Oregon*. Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon. Revised edition issued as *Birds of the Pacific Northwest* 1970. Dover Press, New York, New York.

An excellent reference work in spite of its vague and crude distribution maps (which are often inscrutable). Authors are heavy on subspecies maps that are, for the most part, deficient. Otherwise a superior work.

Pennsylvania

Todd, W. E. C. 1940. *Birds of Western Pennsylvania*. University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Covers only the western half of the state. Maps indicating breeding locales are remarkably modern. Outshines most traditional state works by remaining timely.

Wood, Merrill. 1973. *Birds of Pennsylvania*. Pennsylvania State University, College of Agriculture, University Park, Pennsylvania.

Rhode Island

There is a new state bird book in preparation.

South Carolina

Sprunt, Alexander Jr., and E. Burnham Chamberlain. 1949 *South Carolina Bird Life*. University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, South Carolina. Revised edition issued 1970.

A survey of the natural history of the birds of the state, as complete as available records allowed. Paintings by Francis Lee Jaques, Roger T. Peterson, John Henry Dick and Edward von S. Dingle. There is also a generous sprinkling of good-to-excellent photographs.

South Dakota

Over, William H., and Craig S. Thomas. 1946. *Birds of South Dakota*. Revised edition. University of South Dakota Museum, Vermillion, South Dakota.

A rather burdensome tome containing, however, valuable information for the student of South Dakota bird life.

Pettingill, Olin S., and Nathaniel R. Whitney. 1965. *Birds of the Black Hills*. Special Publication No. 1. Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York.

Well done discussion of the species treated and contains better-than-average information on migration, abundance and local breeders. Approximately three-fourths of the book concerns breeding species in South Dakota. The remainder are birds in the Wyoming section of the Black Hills.

There is a new state bird book in preparation.

Tennessee

Stupka, Arthur. 1963. *Notes on the Birds of Great Smoky Mountains National Park*. The University of Tennessee Press.

Well done for the area covered. There is no definitive state reference.

Texas

Oberholser, Harry C., and Edgar B. Kincaid Jr., et al., Editors. 1974. *The Bird Life of Texas*. (2 Vols.). University of Texas Press, Austin, Texas.

A monumental work incorporating 36 color and 36 black-and-white reproductions and four pen-and-ink drawings by Louis Agassiz Fuertes; two full-page maps and 480 distributional maps; and 38 habitat photographs. The text includes detailed plumage descriptions, extensive delineation of species' range and seasonal distribution. One of the most valuable and rather remarkable sections deals with the species distribution changes over the years.

Pulich, Warren M. 1961. *Birds of Tarrant County, Texas*. Allen & Co., Printers, Fort Worth, Texas.

A notable small volume that beautifully covers distribution, range, abundance, etc., of Tarrant County A mini-model study after which others could be patterned

Wauer, Roland H. 1973. *Birds of Big Bend National Park and Vicinity*. (Illus.). University of Texas Press, Austin, Texas.

Wauer meant this small volume to be primarily a bird-finding guide, however additionally it is a guide to the vegetation of Big Bend. Includes illuminating sections on the history of ornithological study in the park area, nesting dates and activities and migration arrival and departure notes. When the book went to press there were 385 species recorded in the park, which holds the record for parks in the U.S.

Utah

Behle, William H. and Michael L. Perry. 1975. *Utah Birds*. Utah Museum of Natural History. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

An up-to-date checklist, including dates, charts of seasonal occurrence, also charts of habitat occurrence of the birds of Utah. A practical and well done booklet complete with guide for finding birds in the state.

Wauer, R. H., and Dennis L. Carter. 1965. *Birds of Zion National Park and Vicinity*. Zion Natural History Association, Springdale, Utah.

Designed primarily as a finding aid but excels in its succinct discussions of habitat and migration and contains an annotated list of more than 230 species reported in the park, plus one map and 22 color plates.

Vermont

Spear, Robert N. Jr. compiler. 1976. *Birds of Vermont*. Green Mountain Audubon Society, in cooperation with the State of Vermont Fish and Game Department, Burlington, Vermont.

A modest but very nicely-executed, updated revision of the 1971 booklet with extensive changes and additions, based on accumulated Vermont Bird Records. Short species descriptions and status accounts, excellent abundance bar graphs including nesting status and seasonal occurrence information and a comprehensive four page chart summary of accidentals and stragglers. Some detail given to birding areas around the state.

Washington

Jewett, Stanley G., Walter P. Taylor, William T. Shaw, John W. Aldrich. 1953. *Birds of Washington State*. University of Washington Press, Seattle, Washington

A classic compilation whose scope covers species geographical and seasonal status, extreme migration dates, habits, and habitats. Much is outdated but even more is of definite value. A more modern distributional analysis can be found in Larrison and Sonnenberg (see below).

Larrison, Earl J. and Klaus G. Sonnenberg. 1968 *Washington Birds: Their Location and Identification*. The Seattle Audubon Society, Seattle, Washington.

Primarily an identification guide with some valuable comments on behavior but is excellent on updating the distributional summaries of the species through 1968

and indicates considerable research on the then current status of Washington's avifauna.

West Virginia

There is a new state book in preparation.

Wisconsin

Gromme, Owen J. 1963. *Birds of Wisconsin*. The University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, Wisconsin.

Useful only as far as the distribution goes, which is not statewide. Contains bar graphs and rather telegraphic discussion of species abundance.

Canada

Godfrey, W. Earl. *The Birds of Canada**

Snyder, L. L. 1957. *Arctic Birds of Canada*. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

Immensely useful and contains superb range maps (no guesswork — strictly honest). Much museum work went into this volume and although it is relatively outdated, it is nonetheless a rich reference.

Yukon

Rand, Austin L. 1946. *List of Yukon Birds and those of the Canol Road*. National Museum of Canada Bulletin No. 105, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dated but contains copious records and field accounts. The synopsis of former avifauna and previous work done in the Yukon is noteworthy, especially historically.

British Columbia

Munro, J. A. and I. McT. Cowan. 1947. *A Review of the Bird Fauna of British Columbia*. British Columbia Province Museum. Special Publication No. 2.

The distributional listing is updated from 1925 but, with a publication date of 1947 this book is still very dated. It does contain however, evidence of extensive field work in locations not previously studied, resulting in range extensions and extra-limital occurrences, but admittedly many gaps need to be augmented by current information.

Alberta

Salt, W. R., and A. L. Wilk. 1966. *The Birds of Alberta*. Second Edition. The Queen's Printer. Edmonton, Alberta.

Excellent reference that has suffered little with the passage of time. Should be invaluable to students of the birdlife of Alberta. An updated version would be desirable.

Saskatchewan

Nero, Robert W. 1963. *Birds of the Lake Athabasca Region of Saskatchewan*. Saskatchewan Natural History Society. Special Publication No. 5. Regina, Saskatchewan.

All known records north of Clearwater and Churchill Rivers are included, area and habitat very well described.

It is a must for those going to the region however the Lake Athabasca area is only a small one in the extreme N.W. section of Saskatchewan Province.

Nero, Robert W. 1967. *The Birds of Northeastern Saskatchewan*. Saskatchewan Natural History Society Special Publication No. 6. Regina, Saskatchewan.

In the same vein as the volume on Lake Athabasca Very valuable and well done.

Houston, C. Stuart and Maurice G. Street. 1959 *The Birds of the Saskatchewan River, Carlton to Cumberland*. Saskatchewan Natural History Society, Regina, Saskatchewan.

An excellent treatise on the area, although the area is not itself very large. Should be of value to those traveling to this region and aids in the overview ornithologically, of this province.

Renaud, Wayne E., and Don H. Renaud. 1975. *Birds of the Rosetown-Biggar District*. Saskatchewan Natural History Society. Special Publication No. 9. Regina, Saskatchewan.

A well-documented account of the bird fauna in Saskatchewan between the North and South Rivers, with major emphasis on the breeding status and migratory movements of 111 established breeders of the 236 species definitely recorded in the area. A testimony to the contribution amateurs can make to ornithology.

Manitoba

Jehl, Joseph R., and Blanche A. Smith. 1970. *Birds of the Churchill Region, Manitoba*. Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature. Special Publication No. 1. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Primarily devoted to the breeding birds of the tundra and treeline habitats bordering southern Hudson Bay This work contains sections on the areas ornithological history, 209 species accounts, migration and breeding information and an annotated checklist.

Atlantic Provinces

Squires, W. A. 1952. *The Birds of New Brunswick*. New Brunswick Museum. St. John, New Brunswick.

A new edition published in 1974 contains informational updating. Contains much information on geography and climate, bird banding data, sources of unpublished information, migration routes and an excellent annotated list. The bibliography is above average Recommended.

Todd, W. E. C. 1963. *Birds of the Labrador Peninsula and Adjacent Areas*. Carnegie Museum and University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

Graced by the color plates of G. M. Sutton, wonderful range maps indicating seasonal records and exemplary treatment of each species, it should stand as a classic for decades. A book worth having.

Tufts, R. W. 1961. *The Birds of Nova Scotia*. Nova Scotia Museum, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

An updated version was published in 1974. Contains excellent plates and is recommended for a survey of the birds of Nova Scotia. It is in fact, the only major work available on that area and is a worthwhile contribution to the literature.