

Recent and Forthcoming Books

A Checklist of the Birds of Washington State. — Philip W. Mattocks, Jr., Eugene S. Hunn, Terence R. Wahl. California Field Ornithologists, Tiburon, California, 1977. 24 pp. \$1.25 ppd. This is a reprint from *Western Birds*, Volume 7, Number 1, 1976, updating the 1953 Jewett *et al.*, listing through 1974. Each of the 377 species logged is supported by incontestable documentation and the more than 50 species added since 1953 are annotated. — S R.D.

A Fancy for Pigeons. — Jack Kligerman. ill. photographs. Hawthorn Books, Inc., N.Y. 1978. xviii + 216 pp. \$12. Lest you believe that a book about Flying Flights, Racing Homers, street rats, White Kings and Coburg Larks would hold little of interest for the wild bird ornithologist, be advised: this is a fascinating book,

well-researched, and gracefully written. It will give you an entertaining and informative look at the world of pigeon keeping, flying, racing, and showing from prehistoric times to today. A chapter on navigation and the homing instinct is especially well done. Recommended. — R.A.

A Guide to North American Bird Clubs. — Compiled and edited by Jon E. Rickert, Sr Avian Publications, Inc., Elizabethtown, Kentucky, 1978. xiii + 565 pp. \$15.00 hard-bound. Hats off to Jon Rickert who, with prodigious energy, has pioneered into new field-guide territory with this compendium. The guide's design is simple: approximately 835 clubs are listed, a concise listing of its publications, field trips, meetings and local birding contacts for each. The benefits of such

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A Guide to the Birds of Venezuela. — Rodolphe Meyer de Schauensee and William H. Phelps, Jr. ill. 52 color and black-and-white plates by Guy Tudor and others, drawing Michel Kleinbaum, endpaper map. Princeton Univ. Press. 1978. xxii + 424 pp. \$50. Undoubtedly the most useful guide to the avifauna of a South American country yet published, this impressive volume, so long in production, is well worth the wait, and the rather shocking price. The format is standard

for field guides of the bookshelf variety (it will fit a knapsack but not a pocket), following closely the pattern of de Schauensee's *Birds of Colombia*. Introductory matter is very brief, species treatments in the text average three to a page, and briefly describe the bird, its distribution, and key habits or habitat. The color plates, with diagnostic remarks by Tudor, are first class, and carefully produced although crowded (for economic reasons) so much that one plate of small flycatchers illustrates 48 species! Nearly 1300 species are treated, of which 900 are illustrated in color. With increasing interest in the birds of South America, the appearance of this important addition to the bibliography will be welcomed as warmly by the serious ornithologist as the visiting Christmas Bird counter. — R.A.

Bibliography of the Avian Blood-inhabiting Protozoa. — Carlton M. Herman, Ellis C. Greiner, Gordon F. Bennett, Marshall Laird International Reference Centre for Avian Haematozoa, St. John's, Newfoundland,



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Birds of man's world. — Derek Goodwin. ill. drawings, photos. Cornell Univ. Press, Ithaca. 1978. vii + 183 pp. \$10.95. The prolific Derek Goodwin has written a book about the way man's world has affected the wild birds: The environments he creates, the influence of towns, of wild bird feeding, of introduced

species. This book, addressed primarily to a British audience, seems flawed by neglect of at least half the problems posed by man: hunting, colony vandalism, the falconry raptor drain, window and tall structure kills, to name a few. Goodwin seems unaware of the studies made by William George on domestic cat predation, and roadside kills, and what information there is about American problems is neither up to date nor wholly accurate. The need for a good book on this subject is still extant. — R.A.

Bird Sounds and Their Meaning. — Rosemary Jellis. ill. by Derek Goodwin. British Broadcasting Corporation; distributed by Humanities Press, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, 1978. 256 pp. \$11.00 hardbound. For the host of people who enjoy listening to birds as well as watching them, here is a competent primary presentation to bird sound-communication. It should be especially illuminating to those with little knowledge of bird behavior but also stimulating and useful to the experienced amateur. It describes specific research projects on bird vocalizations. The emphasis in most of them is informational content in

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Breeding Birds of Elephant Butte Marsh. — Charles A. Hundertmark. New Mexico Ornithological Society, Silver City, New Mexico, 1978. 17 pp. \$1.35. This is Publication Number 5 of the New Mexico Ornithological Society and summarizes the breeding birds supported by one of the few large wetlands remaining in the Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. — S.R.D.

Colorado Bird Distribution Latilong Study. — Hugh E. Kingery, Walter D. Gaul. Colorado Field Ornithologists with Colorado Division of Wildlife, Denver, 1978. vii + 60 pp. \$2.00 An extraordinary synthesis of the status of 405 species recorded within the last 15 years throughout the state. The presentation employs use of 28 latilong blocks shown on map of the inside cover and incorporates field work of 83 contributors. — S.R.D.

Fifty Common Birds of Oklahoma and the Southern Great Plains. — George Miksch Sutton. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. 1978. 113 pp., ill. \$7.95. Each of the selected species is illustrated by a full page, full color portrait by the revered Dr. Sutton. Most of the paintings were done in the 1930s and 1940s, and do not represent Sutton's best work; some are little more than color sketches. As such, they vary in quality from a very strange Killdeer and an off-color waxwing to the attractive Red-eyed Vireo and Yellow-billed Cuckoo. The text is both informative and chatty, with much evidence of the author's own extensive field work. — R.A.

Haematozoa in the Birds of Eastern and Southern Asia. — H. Elliott McClure, Pilai Poonswad, Willis C. Greiner, Marshall Laird. Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Nfld., Canada, 1978. x+ 296 pp. \$6 00 (Canadian). This book recapitulates the results of probably the most extensive avian blood parasite regional survey ever under-

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Handbook of California Birds. 2nd edition. — Vinson Brown, Henry Weston, Jr., and Jerry Buzzell. Naturegraph Publishers, Inc., California, 1973. 224 pp. \$7.95 paperbound, \$11.95 hardbound. A revised and enlarged edition, but not truly a handbook of the same order as the one reviewed above. Of the 530+ species recorded in California, 368 are briefly described here and illustrated in color. There is a generous sprinkling of black-and-white line drawings throughout to assist with identification and study in the field. There are separate chapter sections on flight, courtship, foraging, plumages, bill and foot function, eggs and nests and conservation. Unfortunately, the bird names contain several inconsistencies owing to lack of name updating. However, the illustrations, especially the line drawings of Buzzell deserve special mention and in general the handbook will be useful to the student of California avifauna. — S.R.D.

Handbook of the Birds of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. — the Birds of the Western Palearctic. — Stanley Cramp, chief ed. Vol. 1, Ostrich to Ducks. Oxford Univ Press, New York. 1977. 722 pp. £25. This weighty tome, the first of seven volumes, is a treasure trove of knowledge, and major addition to the well-furnished ornithological library. Not since the Handbook of British Birds, by Witherby *et al.*, in the 1940s, has such an ambitious undertaking been programmed for this most intensively studied area of the world. Introductory chapters are relatively brief, but species treatments are generous and thorough. Length varies according to the status of the bird in the area, but for many species it includes detailed field characters, habitat, world and area maps, descriptive distribution, population estimates, food, social pattern and behavior, voice, breeding season with annual cycle chart, and detailed description of all plumages, soft parts, weights, with geographic variations. There are many color plates and drawings, even including egg plates and color plates of nest down. One hundred forty of the eventual 740 species are treated, about half of them familiar on the American continent, or vagrants thereto. Let us hope this monumental project meets with better fate than the comparable Handbook of North American Birds, R.S. Palmer, ed., whose future seems, after three fine volumes, to be problematical — R.A.

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North American Ducks, Geese & Swans. — Donald S. Heintzelman. ill., maps, drawings, photographs, 16 in color. Winchester Press, N.Y., 1978. xiv + 236 pp. \$15. With the plethora of excellent books now available on the waterfowl of North America (Johnsgard, Bellerose, Palmer *et al.*), it would almost seem that one more, with little new to add, might be superfluous. But the indomitable Mr. Heintzelman has put together a book less technical than the rest, and directed more to the layman than the serious ornithologists, and as such it may find a niche. In spite of the reversed order in the title, the species accounts are correctly placed. Brief chapters describe study methods, flyway migration. Wood Duck boxes, etc., but almost two-thirds of the book is devoted to a detailed listing, with maps, of the waterfowl refuges of the U.S. and Canada: this is the book's most useful feature. — R.A.

Owls by Day and Night. — Hamilton A. Tyler. Illustrated by Don Phillips. Naturegraph Publishers, Inc., California, 1978. xii + 208 pp. \$6.95 paperbound, \$10.95 hardbound. Owls are addictive creatures and this small volume is a fairly relaxed initiation to them written by an inveterate owl man. The author treats each of the 18 owl species found in the United States as a series of unpretentious vignettes. The amount of information on each species varies but, a point of exceptional interest is his summary of the hearing of owls, especially Roger Payne's classic study of the ability of the Barn Owl to locate prey in total darkness. The 16 color plates, 25 line drawings, 18 range maps, 9 tables and 10 photographs increase the book's appeal. The bibliography, already more thorough than most handbooks, might be improved by more current references. In total, it will be fascinating to the novice owler. — S.R.D.

Ravens, Crows, Magpies and Jays. — Tony Angell, foreword by J.F. Lansdowne. 84 illustrations. University of Washington Press, Seattle, 1978. 112 pp. \$14.95. Tony Angell is an accomplished bird artist, and this handsome book features on almost every page his striking black-and-white pen drawings. Many are carefully delineated species portraits, others are bold designs, often with many birds (the endpapers show 100 Mexican Crows). Each of 18 North American species (including the Hawaiian Crow) is treated individually, followed by general discussion of the family from various aspects, some of them, such as tool-using, social survival strategies, language, and problem-solving, are fascinating. Angell's style is informal and easy-reading; there is a useful bibliography. An intelligent book about what may be the most intelligent of birds. Recommended. — R.A.

Reader's Digest Complete Book of Australian Birds. — H.J. Frith, ed. ill. photographs, maps. Reader's Digest, Sydney. 1976. 614 pp. \$24.50 Aus. The best single-volume work on the birds of Australia in print, and one that should be the standard work for years to come. This is another elegant Australian publishing venture, graced with what must be hundreds of excellent color photographs habitats and birds in various sizes up to full pages. There are one or two species treatments per page, with the usual categories of subjects included, a distribution map, and a general commentary. Apparently scores of writers, editors, and photographers took part in the creation of this worthy volume. At quarto size it is no field guide, but belongs somewhere in your luggage on that next Australian tour, and surely on your international bookshelf. — S.A.

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Revised Check-List of the Birds of New Mexico. — John P. Hubbard. New Mexico Ornithological Society, Silver City, New Mexico, 1978. 120 pp. \$2.50. This is Publication Number 6 of the New Mexico Ornithological Society. It completely updates the state's avifauna following the format used in the 1970 edition; addressing frequency of occurrence, status, range, numbers, habitats and elevations for each of the 433 species confirmed in the state. — S.R.D.

Summer Birds of the San Juan Valley, New Mexico. — Carl Gregory Schmitt. New Mexico Ornithological Society, Silver City, New Mexico, 1977. 24 pp. \$1.50. This is Publication Number 4 of the New Mexico Ornithological Society; a study conducted on the floodplain and adjacent slopes of the San Juan Valley in northwestern New Mexico to determine the composition of the avifauna there — S.R.D.

The Atlas of Breeding Birds in Britain and Ireland. — J.T.R. Sharrock, compiler, British Trust for Ornithology, Irish Wildbird Conservancy. Tring, Herts, England. 1976. 479 pp. £10, plus £1.50 for a set of 12 environmental map overlays. This handsomely produced volume, the cumulative product of 15,000 professional and amateur ornithologists throughout the British Isles and Ireland, is destined to have a tremendous impact on the study of bird distribution in North America, and throughout the world. Every species known to breed in the book's area is treated to a discussion of its breeding status, with a full page, two-color map, using red dots of various sizes to represent abundance of breeding in

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The Birds of Paradise and Bower Birds. — William T. Cooper (artist), text by Cooper and Joseph T. Forshaw. Wm. Collins, Sydney 1977. 304 pp. hardcover, boxed \$130. Another lavish monograph by the team that gave you "The Parrots of the World" in 1973. With many fewer color plates, this giant volume costs almost twice as much as the parrot book, symptom of galloping inflation. The book follows the Cooper-Forshaw format, with lengthy, detailed commentary on each species (where details are available), a species distribution map, and a full page (10½ by 16 inch) color plate, unfortunately suitable for framing. Cooper's style stresses immaculately rendered close ups of birds and foliage, set against habitat landscapes in muted grays and greens. With such spectacular birds as the Paradisaeidae and the Ptilonorhynchidae to work with, the color work can only be described as magnificent. Numerous drawings enrich the text, and there is a useful bibliography. We found only one small flaw: a line of type is

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The Ecology and Behavior of the Prairie Warbler. — Val Nolan, Jr., Ornith. Monographs No. 26, Am. Ornithologists' Union 1978. Order from Glen E. Woolfenden, Dept of Biology, Univ. of S. Florida, Tampa 33620 clothbound, xx + 585 pp. color plate. \$29 50 ppd. Twenty-six years, and thousands of hours of field work and writing and editing, have produced this definitive work on the Prairie Warbler, possibly the most detailed and comprehensive single species study yet attempted. There is no space here even to list the chapter subjects, but there are 41 of them, there are no less than 183 tables and 42 other figures, 8 appendices and a lengthy bibliography. Although the treatment is exhaustively detailed, and in some areas demands statistical understanding, the work is eminently readable — surprisingly so — and can be recommended without qualification not only for the wealth of knowledge it presents, but its constant reader interest. To the student interested in life history study Nolan's work presents both a superb model and a frightening prospect: the long gestation period, the prodigious mass of detail, the arduous labors of seven or more editors, the rather spartan publication. But the final result surely is worth the effort: this book should be in every serious field biologist's, and every university's library. — R.A.

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The Herons of the World. — James Hancock and Hugh Elliott, ill. maps, drawings, 61 color plates by Robert Gillmor and Peter Hayman. Harper & Row, New York. 1978. 304 pp. \$65. Another handsome monograph, this one of the family Ardeidae, produced in England, and timed to take advantage of, and be supportive of, the recent upsurge in interest in the colonial waterbirds. The oversized book follows the accepted pattern for popular monographs, with introductory chapters concerned with classification, plumage and molts, breeding biology, feeding, migration and dispersal (with special attention to the recent explosive dispersion of the Cattle Egret), and conservation. Then follows the main body of the text, the individual species accounts for the 61 species recognised (three less than recent "world lists" — Galapagos and Striated Herons merged with Green, and Madagascar Egret into Little Egret). Every species is pictured in color, although for many species only a single plumage is figured — e.g. the white phase of the Reddish Egret is neglected. Species accounts are treated under the headings: Distribution, Migration and Habitat, Appearance and Identification, Behaviour, and occasionally, Taxonomic Note. The text is erudite but not forbiddingly technical, and there is a useful bibliography of about 900 references. This is a lavish, attractively produced volume, well

within what seems to be the current price range for such weighty tomes. — R.A.

The Larousse Guide to Birds of Britain and Europe. — Bertel Bruun, ill., Arthur Singer. Larousse & Co., New York. 1978 rev. of 1970 European edition. 319 pp., softbound \$7.95. One of, if not the, best field guides to birds of Europe, patterned after the well-known Robbins, Bruun, and Zim North American guide. If anything, this is better than that guide, with better organization, more plumages, and special introductions to difficult orders



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The World of Roger Tory Peterson, an Authorized Biography. — John C. Devlin and Grace Naismith. ill. photographs, color plates. New York Times Books, N.Y. 1978. xxi + 266 pp. \$14.95. A straightforward, reportorial biography of the most honored man in natural history, that tells you *almost* everything and anything you might have wanted to know about its subject, and more. Filled with names, dates, places, people, facts, quotes — at its end you will know everything about the man except who he is, what really motivates and inspires him, and why, at the pinnacle of success and esteem, he keeps on working harder than you and I. — R.A.

Wading Birds. — Research Report No. 7 of the National Audubon Society, New York.

Edited by Alexander Sprunt IV, John C. Ogden, and Suzanne Winckler. 1978. 18 color and 17 black-and-white photographs. ix + 381 pp. \$11.00 softbound ppd. This is a compilation of papers presented at the first North American Wading Bird Conference October 1976, jointly sponsored by the National Audubon Society and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There the international Colonial Waterbird Group was organized, whose aim is to provide coordination and communication between biologists and conservationists working on wading birds. It contains 31 technical papers on the Behavior and Evolution, Conservation and Management, Populations and Surveys, and Ecology of *Ciconiiformes*, four short non-technical papers introducing each of the four main topics; an appendix of authors' addresses; and a very useful index. This stands as a comprehensive summary of wader research conducted during the last decade. It keeps in sight the problems created by our technologically racing society. However, without reservation this is science — not evangelism. — S.R.D.

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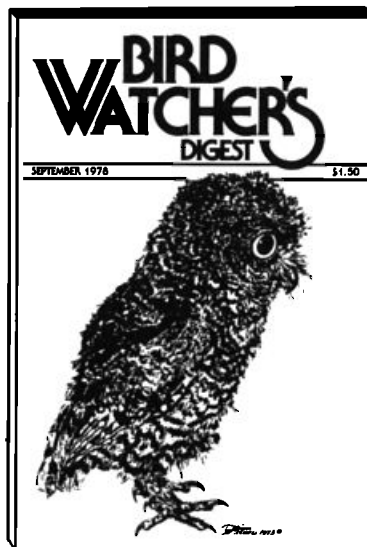
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