
Books

Most books reviewed in *NABB* are assigned to reviewers by the Literature Editor after they are sent by a publisher unsolicited or requested by the Literature Editor in response to a brochure or catalog from the publisher. Occasionally, a review is sent unsolicited by a reviewer. Former Western editor and president, Dr. Robert C. Tweit, has been especially generous in contributing unsolicited reviews, often co-authored by his wife, Joan. These are welcome, but potential reviewers should check with the Literature Editor first to avoid duplication.

Two books currently on hand have not yet been accepted by any potential reviewer who has been invited to review them:

Fry, C. H. and K. Fry. 1999. Kingfishers, bee-eaters, & rollers. Paperback edition. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

Strange, M. 2001. A photographic guide to the birds of Indonesia. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

If any *NABB* reader who has studied kingfishers, bee-eaters and/or rollers or who has spent time birdwatching or especially banding in Indonesia would be willing to assess these books, please let me know at 4735 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 1L3, phone (604) 294-9333 or e-mail sterna@telus.net. I shall send the review copy and review guidelines to the first person to volunteer for each. Reviewers receive a form of "payment" in that they get to keep the review copy of the book.

The Literature Editor has also acquired several books of interest to banders (as gifts, purchased myself, or sent by other journals to review for them) that have not been sent to *NABB* to review. When time permits, I sometimes prepare reviews of these for *NABB* or write the publisher or author to request a review copy for others to review. Readers are welcome to suggest books that have not yet been reviewed. Such suggestions that include the mailing address of the publisher can be followed up more promptly than those that do not. Many thanks to Western Editor Kay Loughman for her 4 Dec

2004, 3-½ page e-mail of such suggestions. I am gradually writing to the publishers on her list to request the suggested titles. In response to one such letter, Sherri Dean Allen of Elsevier has informed me by e-mail of 14 Dec 2004 that the following are no longer available:

Beadle, D. D. and J. D. Rising. 2001. Sparrows of the U.S. and Canada: a photographic guide. Academic Press, San Diego, CA – This is presumably an update of "A guide to the identification and natural history of the sparrows of the United States and Canada," by J. D. Rising, Academic Press, NY, 1996 [illustrated by D. D. Beadle] and reviewed by J. B. Dunning, Jr. in *NABB* 22:173-176, 1997.

Davies, N. 2000. Cuckoos, cowbirds, and other cheats. Academic Press, London.

Howell, S. N. G. 2002. Hummingbirds of North America: Academic Press, San Diego, CA.

If any *NABB* reader would like to assess any of these books from a banding point of view, I would be pleased to send a copy of our review guidelines to the first to volunteer for each. Although "payment" of a review copy is not available for these, other readers would benefit from reading your evaluations.

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