

is a pity that the publishers did not ask one of the many capable English ornithologists to write the notes.

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*Blackie and his Family.* By M. E. COOK. (Harcourt, Brace and Co.: 1949) 69 pages, illus. \$2.00.

This review of a book for children is included in the *Wilson Bulletin* because it is believed that ornithologists are probably teaching their children about birds. Your editor will appreciate comments from the members concerning the desirability of reviewing children's books.

Blackie (apparently a Brewer's Blackbird) and his wife Dusty lived in a garden and built a nest in a pomegranate. They successfully repelled Mr. Darting Hawk, Chucky Ground Squirrel, and Old Man Gopher Snake. After raising 4 young, the birds join a flock and eventually migrate. Ornithologically the book is satisfactory. There are no serious errors in life history data and the anthropomorphism is not excessive although (p. 4) the function of song has the erroneous poetic interpretation. Conservationists will regret the emphasis upon the hawk episode. From the viewpoint of a psychologist the book is satisfactory but not impressive. Children from 5-8 will enjoy a couple of readings. Unfortunately, the hawk and snake episodes are likely to make the greatest impression. Ornithologists have discovered a gold mine in adult books. Why shouldn't they invade the field of children's books and teach our children correct ornithology?

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*W. E. Saunders, Naturalist.* Edited by R. J. RUTTER. (The Federation of Ontario Naturalists, Toronto: 1949) 6½ x 9 in., 66 pages, 5 photos, cloth.

This is a tribute to Saunders the man, by those who knew and loved him in his native Southern Ontario. His enthusiasm for and his interest in all about him, extended to music, horticulture, town planning, conservation, insects, mammals, birds and his fellow men. He taught practical chemistry at one time; carried on his vocation, pharmaceutical manufactory; for years wrote a weekly newspaper column; and delighted to talk and lecture about his interests. Included in this volume are samples of Saunders' writings, appreciations by P. A. Taverner, J. R. Dymond and J. L. Baillie, and Baillie has provided a 13 page bibliography of Saunders' writing.

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