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BOOK REVIEWS

A FIELD KEY TO OUR COMMON BIRDS, by Irene T. Rorimer, Illustrated in line and color by Roger Tory Peterson. Pocket Natural History No. 8, Zoological Series No. 3, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland, Ohio, 1940. Price \$1.50.

A most compact and, in form, a most usable little volume in flexible, waterproof, flush-trimmed covers that just fits the pocket and will stand all kinds of rough field wear and tear. Typographically it is practically perfect, and beautifully illustrated in both color and black and white by the clear and charming diagrammatic and naturalistic sketches by the gifted artist. It has no life history or specific comments. The descriptions are clear, untechnical and direct. The only criticism this reviewer has to offer is that the "Keys" are based largely upon the normal habitat of the species diagnosed. With the great mobility of birds and the number of times and occasions they stray out of normal habitat, it can be questioned whether such a general classification is as workable to the amateur as other more positive distinctions. Without doubt a beginner might have considerable difficulty in attempting to identify a new bird through this key if it occurred in an even slightly unusual locality.—P.A.T.

INTRODUCING INSECTS by James G. Needham; Jaques Cattell Press, Lancaster, Pa., 1940; pp. 123, illustrated, \$1.50.

The author of this little book, professor emeritus of entomology at Cornell University, continues to show himself a man of parts. A leader in the field of aquatic entomology and limnology, writer of a text-book of biology, and a treatise on natural history for farmers, Dr. Needham now offers an introduction to entomology for laymen and beginners. In this book, a smaller counterpart of Lutz's fine "Field Book of Insects," he is eminently successful.

Choosing the points of contact at which the layman becomes aware of entomology, the author elaborates each topic, anticipating each succeeding question and leading the reader on to further enquiry and active interest. In contrast to similar works of European origin, more attention is paid to the practical problems which insects cause,—or economic entomology. The text is aptly illuminated by many line drawings and the book is of attractive size, shape and format. Many Canadian readers would find it useful and interesting; one cannot help but wonder if the publication facilities afford it the circulation it deserves.—A.W.A.B.



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