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Porsild has lived many years in the north and though a botanist has a wide knowledge of Arctic mammals. His first-hand knowledge is reflected in this practical summary that was prepared in response to a request from the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Northern Canada is not an easy country in which to live off the land. To get in touch with natives is the first advice given, and,

when it is mentioned that even such experts in woodcraft as Indians may suffer famine, the difficulties confronting an inexperienced, hungry white man suddenly facing the wild, are obvious.

The importance of animal foods is stressed, the main ones listed, and methods of taking them given. The chief plant foods are listed and characterized. Not only are plant foods less important but they are available for but a limited period. No truly Arctic plants are poisonous, but at least one mushroom and one berry of the subarctic are poisonous.

—A. L. RAND.



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