

Now I continued along Route 127 toward Gloucester via Annisquam, arriving at the Locust Grove Cemetery. Turning right at the second entrance to the cemetery, across from a Texaco gas station, I parked near a small building. By climbing a knoll adjacent to the right side of the road, I could peer directly across the road into a hole about 30 feet high, in the crook of a large branch. There, as he has been for five years, was the resident Screech owl.

It was getting late. As I turned homeward along Route 127, I began to think of the many fine restaurants in the Rockport-Gloucester area, a fitting way to celebrate a fine day of winter birding. For the hardy, yes, but a way to turn our "poorest" season into one of the best.

BOOK REVIEW

Brunn, Bertel and Arthur Singer, The Hamlyn Guide to Birds of Britain and Europe (Hamlyn Publishing Group Ltd., 1970 London, New York.)

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to see this excellent guide, the format of which is similar to that of Birds of North America by Robbins et al; this is hardly surprising as Mr. Brunn is one of the authors of the latter, and Mr. Robbins was a consultant on the former.

I found the Hamlyn Guide superior in many ways to other European guides such as my own Collins Guide to British Birds. The 1971 reprint edition is a 319-page paperback that seems to be well bound and Singer's color illustrations are good. It should be invaluable to anyone planning to visit Great Britain or Europe; for the non-traveller, it would be a source of information and pleasure.

The approximate equivalent of the price in Britain is \$3.50, although the cost might well be higher through a United States bookseller.

Arbib, R. and T. Soper, The Hungry Bird Book (Ballantine Books, N.Y.)

Robert Arbib's American revision of the successful English book by Tony Soper is a sensible, delightful paperback which probably has something in it to interest everyone, from tyro to connoisseur. In its 150 pages, it contains an amazing amount of practical information for anyone who wants to attract and provide both natural and contrived food and housing for birds. In addition to the chapters on plantings, feeding stations, nesting boxes, poisons, and so on, there are several excellent short appendices and a reasonably good vocabulary.

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