

NEW BOOKS

Dr. R. E. Ware of Clemson College, Clemson, S.C., writes recommending a new bird book. It is "South Carolina Bird Life" by Alexander Sprunt, Jr. and Burnham Chamberlain. It contains 35 original drawings, 48 full-page photos, and treats over 400 species and races. The page size is 7 x 10 inches and it contains over 600 pages. Dr. Ware thinks it is one of the best and believes it will be very valuable to everyone interested in bird life.

Just a note about the NEWS policy on publicity for new books. We will be glad to call the attention of the members to new books which have been read and recommended by a member, but we do not propose to supply publicity derived from advertising flyers or letters.

RETURNS

Purple Finch

From Horace Groskin: A female Purple Finch, band #42-86240 banded at Ardmore, Pa., on March 15, 1944, returned three years later on February 16, 1947 and again three years later on January 8, 1950. This bird was at least one year old when banded, so it is now at least seven years old.

Cardinal

From W. M. Davidson of Orlando, Florida: An immature male Cardinal, band #39-225750 banded on July 9, 1939 at Takoma Park, Maryland, was found dead on October 26, 1949 in Washington, D.C. This Cardinal was at least ten years old.

Snowy Owl

From Merrill Wood, State College, Pa.: The Snowy Owl, referred to in the December issue, which was caught alive on December 8, 1949 in State College, was released with a band on December 14, 1949 at Black Moshannon State Park, 15 miles northwest of State College. It was released in an ideal location with two mountain ranges between it and where it was caught, but on December 29, 1949, it was killed in State College. It returned to a place which is exceptionally fine for rats and mice. This owl was a male and has been placed in the College ornithology collection.