

observe outside his narrow field was sure to be of importance to another of the group. The chapter on bats is incredible. There was an employee at a textile factory who seemed to be able to smell snakes. He kept boa constrictors because he just liked to have them around. After a while he would let them go and then round up some more. This odd passion helped one of the researchers who wanted to collect ticks and mites from reptiles, and it helped the author who needed varied serum specimens for certain purposes. There are chapters on swifts and hummingbirds, and banders will delight in the description of constructing the framework for a treetop mist net.

An outstanding feature of the entire book is Dr. Worth's ability and insistence to see the biota as a whole. Birds may be his chief love, but he doesn't enjoy them divorced from their natural habitat. The terrain achieves reality for the reader through the author's descriptions.

The delightful narrative is further enhanced by black and white illustrations by Don R. Eckelberry. The book is published by J.B. Lippincott Company and retails for \$7.95.

P.O. Box 575, Oak Bluffs, Mass. 02557



#### SCARLET TANAGER INFORMATION WANTED

Dr. Kenneth W. Prescott writes: "I am attempting to summarize migratory data on the Scarlet Tanager (Piranga olivacea) as supplied by the Bird Banding Laboratory... I would deeply appreciate additional information (and permission to use) which banders might be able to supply, regarding: Recoveries; Returns; Repeats; Individual Age; and other relevant data." Send information to Dr. Prescott at: New Jersey State Museum, Cultural Center, Trenton, N.J. 08625.