

to all whose studies involve the taking of scientific specimens. It documents the need for simplifying, standardizing, and otherwise improving state and federal regulations.

**Ecology and Evolution of an Andean Hummingbird (*Oreotrochilus estella*).**—F. Lynn Carpenter. 1976. University of California Publications in Zoology, Vol. 106, Univ. Calif. Press, Berkeley. 78 p. \$4.75. This monograph examines one of the few hummingbird species that live high in the Peruvian Andes. Field and laboratory studies revealed behavioral, morphological, and physiological adaptations to cope with the energetic limitations of this rigorous environment. An excellent investigation in evolutionary biology, of interest to more than hummingbird specialists. Illustrated.

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