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Birds of Northern California/An Annotated Field List. Second edition.—Guy McCaskie, Paul DeBenedictis, Richard Erickson, and Joseph Morlan. 1979. Golden Gate Audubon Society. 84 p. Paper cover. \$5.80. Available: G.C.A.S., 2718 Telegraph Ave., Suite 206, Berkeley, CA 94705. This is a revised edition of a booklet first published twelve years ago. It includes all native birds recorded in the northern half of the state. Bar graphs and the annotated list give the habitat(s), distribution, and seasonal occurrence of each species. Dates and localities are cited only for unusual records. Appendixes list recent records, introduced species, and name changes. Bibliography.

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A Guide to Hawk Watching in North America.—Donald S. Heintzelman. 1979. Pennsylvania State University Press. 284 p. Cloth \$12.95, paper \$6.95. This book widens the scope of the author's previous works on hawk migration in the northeastern and eastern U.S. (noted in *Condor* 77:232 and 79:138). Some of it is repeated or lightly revised from those works. The species accounts, the directory to migration lookouts, and the list of suggested reading have been expanded. Suggestions for field identification, photographs of western species and of perched birds, and a list of Hawaiian hawks have been added. Hawk watchers in the East who already own the earlier guide will not find it much superseded by this one. However, those who lack it or who live elsewhere in North America will find the new book valuable.

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The Birds of Paradise and Bower Birds.—William T. Cooper and Joseph M. Forshaw. 1979. David R. Godine, Boston. 304 p. Slipcase. \$150.00. The most gorgeous birds inspire books to match them. Here is a folio-size volume in the tradition of monographs by Elliot (1873) and Sharpe (1891-8). Planned as a companion to Gilliard's (1969) book, it offers color plates of every species, which that work lacked. Cooper's paintings are superb in every respect and they have been reproduced perfectly. Many of his field sketches accompany the text, illustrating details of posture or plumage. The text repeats some basic data from Gilliard but mostly presents information—published and unpublished—that has been gained since his time. Species accounts are organized as to description, distribution (with maps), subspecies, and general notes (status, habitat, food, calls, displays, nesting, and eggs). Although few ornithologists will be able to afford this volume, those who admire fine bird art as well as those who are studying these particular birds should endeavor to see it.

The Peregrine Falcon in Greenland/Observing an Endangered Species.—James T. Harris. 1979. University of Missouri Press, Columbia. 255 p. \$15.95. In this narrative of a summer's research in western Greenland, the author examines an endangered species from both scientific and humanistic perspectives. He interweaves three themes—the search for falcon eyries, the

history of one falcon family that was observed closely, and the development of his feelings toward the species and the individual birds. This personal account is backed by a thorough résumé of the wider status of the peregrine, including its peril from pesticides. The writing is accurate in dealing with science, vivid in telling the story, and eloquent in conveying the author's feelings. This book is not just for falcon enthusiasts but for anyone concerned about the interactions between mankind and wildlife. Photographs, list of references, index.

Voices of some Galápagos Birds.—Recorded, narrated, and produced by John William Hardy. Tape cassette, ARA-4. Available: Holbrook Travel Agency, 3520 NW 13th St., Gainesville, FL 32601 and ARA Records, 1615 NW 14th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32605. "This recording is designed to acquaint the visitor [to the Galápagos Islands] with the most commonly heard songs and calls encountered in one of the formally-conducted tour sessions of a week or so. Birds of the shores and lowlands are thus emphasized." Fourteen species, including eight Darwin Finches, are presented in cuts of generous length and very good quality. Several of the finches have been recorded at more than one place in order to show inter-island variation. Hardy's narration is informative. The cassette should be helpful in learning identification of birds before a trip and in evoking memories afterward.

ulation of these birds. All use of pesticides and herbicides should be discontinued in this area, combined with a sustained effort at predator control. The success of these and future conservation measures may well determine the continued existence of the Guam Rail.

SUMMARY

The Guam Rail is an endemic flightless bird, occurring in greatest abundance in the mixed woodland, second growth and scrub habitats of northern Guam, and uncommonly in savanna and mature forest habitats. It is not found in wetlands. The rails are omnivorous, preferring animal material, particularly gastropods and insects, over vegetable matter. The typical clutch consists of three or four eggs, with brood sizes ranging from one to four ($\bar{x} = 2.0$) chicks. Nesting occurs year-round, but activity appears to increase during the rainy season (July–November). The young are highly precocial, achieving adult weights in the seventh week of life and adult-like plumage after the sixteenth week. Formerly distributed island-wide, the Guam Rail recently has undergone severe range restrictions, virtually disappearing from southern Guam, and has become localized around the fringes of the northern plateau.

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Research is a Passion With Me.—Margaret Morse Nice. 1979. Consolidated Amethyst Communications Inc. 336 p. Paper cover. \$9.95. Available: C. A. C. Inc., 60 Barbados Blvd., Unit 6, Scarborough, Ontario M1J 1K9, Canada. Margaret Morse Nice completed her autobiography about ten years ago, a few years before she died in 1974. It has been edited here by Doris Huestis Speirs, president and founding member of the Margaret Nice Ornithological Club in Toronto, which sponsored its publication. Woven into the principal themes of Nice's work on the birds of Oklahoma and on Song Sparrows are her family history, experiences with other ornithologists and participation in ornithological meetings. The story is fascinating and well-told. Konrad Lorenz, a long-time friend, has written an appreciative Foreword and an appendix in which he explains his intellectual debt to her. This is a valuable contribution to the history of American ornithology.

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My World of Birds: Memoirs of an Ornithologist.—George J. Wallace. 1979. Dorrance & Co., Philadelphia. 345 p. \$10.00. Those who know of Dr. Wallace as the author of an ornithology textbook may not be aware that he previously did a classic life history study of Bicknell's Gray-cheeked Thrush and that he taught at Michigan State University for many years. These and other professional accomplishments were motivated by his sheer enjoyment of birds out-of-doors. He here recounts his career with characteristic ingenuousness and humor. An engaging autobiography, it will be enjoyed especially by those who know the man, himself. Photographs, many from the family album.

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Handbook of the Birds of India and Pakistan. Volume 1. Second edition.—Sálim Ali and S. Dillon Ripley. 1978. Oxford University Press, Delhi. 382 p. \$29.95. Hardly was the first edition of this ten-volume series completed (*Condor* 78:574) when the authors began revising it. This volume (loons to falcons) incorporates corrections, new information, and some taxonomic changes. Four new monochrome plates of birds of prey in flight have been added and one of the color plates has been redrawn.