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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

**Natural Selection and Social Behavior/Recent Research and New Theory.**—Edited by Richard D. Alexander and Donald W. Tinkle. 1981. Chiron Press, Inc., New York. 532 p. \$49.95. This volume is a collection of 29 papers, most of which were presented at a 1978 symposium held at The University of Michigan. The papers are “devoted almost wholly to research stimulated principally by George C. Williams and William D. Hamilton who stressed two main ideas: first, it is valuable to identify the level . . . at which natural selection acts most consistently and powerfully and, second, natural selection can favor contributions to genetic reproduction not only through descendant but also through nondescendant relatives.” Diverse animals, from social insects to humans, are the subjects of these studies. Seven papers deal with birds—the song dialects, sex ratio, or cooperative breeding of various species. Ornithologists who are interested in the evolutionary basis of social behavior would do well, however, to read the book as a whole in order to assimilate ideas from many sources. Not all truth about birds is clothed in feathers. Graphs, diagrams, lists of references, index.

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**Wild Geese of the World/Their life history and ecology.**—Myrfyn Owen. 1980. B. T. Batsford, Ltd., London. 236 p. £15.00. Here is yet another comprehensive book on the biology of geese, comparable to M. A. Ogilvie's *Wild Geese* (noted in *Condor* 80:350). Species accounts are followed by chapters on social behavior, movements and migration, summer and winter biology, population dynamics, and conservation and exploitation. The organization is similar to that in the earlier book. Owen has tried, however, “to examine the reasons behind the various habits of geese, asking the questions ‘how’ and ‘why’ as well as ‘what,’ ‘when’ and ‘where.’” He frankly admits that some of his explanations are highly speculative. The result is an informative and stimulating book which emphasizes the adaptive radiation among species of geese. Joe Blossom has provided color paintings of adults and downy goslings of all the species as well as many line drawings. Maps, appendices of data, bibliography, index. Readers who want a single good reference work on geese will have to compare this book with Ogilvie's to see which they prefer. Goose biologists will probably want both.