

the competition. Turning to plants, the Bryophytes (mosses and liverworts) require a volume, and perhaps do even the more primitive fungi, algae, and lichens. Coverage needs to be expanded in the fern, tree, and flower guides for the whole continent, and guides to other areas such as the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, and Europe will help the traveller.

It would probably be safe to assert that this distinguished series under the editorship of Roger Tory Peterson has done more to popularize serious natural history in the United States than any other series. At a lower level, the small Golden Guides under Zim's editorship have certainly made their impact, and the new larger Golden Press guides mentioned several places above are seriously challenging the Peterson series. The older series (Putnam and the like) simply fail to compete except in scattered aspects of one group or another. The latest addition to the Peterson books, by Borror and White, is welcome; I think it will prove one of the better volumes in the series.—Jack P. Hailman.

NOTES AND NEWS

The Northeastern Bird-Banding Association and readers of *Bird-Banding* owe a special debt of gratitude to the retiring editor, E. Alexander Bergstrom, for his 21 years of service in that office. Under his able guidance and tireless efforts the journal has maintained both national and international reputations as an outstanding ornithological publication. Additionally, Alex somehow found the time to handle voluminous sales of mist nets. We shall miss him as editor of *Bird-Banding* but greatly appreciate his continuing service in many other functions for NEBBA.

The editor takes pleasure in naming an Editorial Advisory Committee, a group of proficient ornithologists who have agreed to provide their expertise, advice, and counsel to the editor. Those serving on this committee currently are Jon C. Barlow, E. Alexander Bergstrom, Alan H. Brush, Nicholas E. Collias, L. Richard Mewaldt, and Bertram G. Murray, Jr.

The **Spring Meeting** will be hosted by Manomet Bird Observatory on 3 June 1972. Kathleen Anderson and the Manomet Staff will act as chairmen of the meeting.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for 4 November 1972 tentatively at St. Anselm's College near Manchester, N. H. Dr. John Kennard is chairman for that meeting. Make plans now to attend.

Mist Net Orders. As this issue goes to the printer, stocks of NEBBA mist nets of type A are almost exhausted, and will not be replenished (because of general preference for the tethered, extra-full version, type ATX). Type KTX (the tetoron net corresponding to ATX in nylon) is in very limited supply, though by May we expect to have moderate supplies. NEBBA mist nets are otherwise in good supply, though still feeling the effects of dock strikes and other delays. Orders for, or inquiries about, these nets should be directed to NEBBA's Assistant Treasurer for mist nets, Mr. E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford, Conn. 06117.

Raptor Banders. Anyone interested in information about an organization for raptor banders, please call or drop a card to the following organizers: William S. Clark, 7800 Dasset Court, Apartment 101, Annandale, Va. 22003, 703-941-5324; Robert Wilson, Clover Lane, Randolph Township, New Jersey 07081, 291-895-2259.

The purpose of such an organization would be the interchange of information on raptor trapping techniques, results, and studies. Also a raptor banding ethic will be established through editorials and article content. A questionnaire will be sent to you by return mail.