

PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

"Some Bird Friends," by Henry F. Pullen, Victoria, B. C. Published by the Free Lance Company, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

There are thirty pages of text, including twenty-three half-tone cuts in the text, besides a full page frontispiece and a full page ocean scene facing the last page. The delicately tinted cream-buff paper makes a pleasing combination with the black type, but is not well adapted to half-tone reproductions. It is possible that a coarser mesh screen would have given a better effect. Fifteen of the headings relate to bird species which are common in the region which is here under discussion, while the headings "Game Birds" and "Birds of the Swamp" cover several species respectively. It is a popular treatise, written in entertaining style, intended to please while instructing. To one who is familiar with the region those essays call up visions of the pure bracing air, with the taint of the ocean in it, the vast reaches of the dark green forests, and the feling of limitless freedom peculiar to the far west.

"Conservation of Our Wild Birds," by Bradford A. Scudder. Issued by the Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association, Boston.

"Birds that We Should Encourage to Nest About Our Country Homes," "Nesting-Boxes," "Martin Houses," "Bird Baths," "Winter Feeding of Birds," "Berry and Seed Bearing Trees and Shrubs," "Aquatic Plants," "The Establishment of a Sanctuary," "Enemies of Wild Birds," "Bibliography of Works Pertaining to Birds and the Out-of-Doors," with four illustrations, indicate the nature of the subject matter and the nature of this 71-page brochure. Its value is enhanced because of the completeness of the topics, and the clearness with which the topics are handled. It is made clear that not all birds can be attracted by the same methods, or by one method of treatment. We take issue with the author that the Barred Owl is very destructive to wild bird life. In our experience it is less so than the Screech Owl. Of course there may be a difference in different districts. We commend this publication as an aid to the conservation of our wild birds. L. J.