

## PUBLICATION NOTES AND NOTICES

*The Caribbean Journal of Science* (Vol. 1, No. 1, February 1961) is a new mimeographed publication to be issued quarterly by the Institute of Caribbean Studies. It will report primarily on local and regional studies in botany, zoology, and other sciences in the Caribbean area. Subscriptions (\$2.00 in the United States) are payable by check to "University Bookstore, Mayagüez" and should be sent to Dr. W. A. Gordon, Institute of Caribbean Studies, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, P.R.

*The Alaska Conservation Society News Bulletin*, a mimeographed quarterly now in its second year, should be read by everyone concerned about the state's enormous wildlife problems. Associate Membership (\$2.00) is open to non-residents of Alaska and includes a subscription to the *Bulletin*. Checks are payable to the Alaska Conservation Society and should be directed to Box 512, College, Alaska.

Binoculars & Scopes: How to Choose, Use & Photograph Through Them. By Robert J. & Elsa Reichert. Chilton Company, Philadelphia, 1961: 4 $\frac{7}{8}$  × 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  in., 128 pp., 55 text figs. \$1.95 (paper); \$2.95 (cloth).

A carefully detailed, profusely illustrated manual, with a wealth of optical data and helpful suggestions.

Dusky and Swallow-tailed Gulls of the Galapagos Islands. By Alfred M. Bailey. Denver Museum of Natural History, Museum Pictorial No. 15, 1961: 32 pp., 19 photos., 1 map. Paper covered. \$1.00.

Another in the Denver Museum's series of handsomely illustrated booklets. Worthwhile information is given on both *Larus fuliginosus* and *Creagrus furcatus*.

A Study of Certain Plant and Animal Interrelations on a Native Prairie in Northwestern Minnesota. By John R. Tester and William H. Marshall. Minnesota Museum of Natural History, Occasional Papers No. 8, 1961: viii + 51 pp., 1 photo., 17 text figs., 14 tables. Available upon request to Minnesota Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14.

This is based on a field study at the Waubun Prairie Research Area in northwestern Minnesota "to determine the nature of the relations between specific vegetational characteristics of the dominant grasses and litter found on a native prairie and changes in distribution and abundance of certain birds, mammals, and insects . . . during the growing seasons of 1957, 1958, and 1959." The three bird species given special attention are the Bobolink, Savannah Sparrow, and Le Conte's Sparrow.

Bird Mortality in the Dutch Elm Disease Program in Michigan. By George J. Wallace, Walter P. Nickell, and Richard F. Bernard. Cranbrook Institute of Science [Bloomfield Hills, Michigan] Bulletin 41, 1961: 44 pp., 4 tables. \$1.00.

The authors "are inclined to question the whole program, as currently conducted, on ecological grounds. Any program which destroys 80 or more species of birds and unknown numbers of beneficial predatory and parasitic insects needs further study."

The Mallard. By John Madson. Conservation Department, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation [East Alton, Illinois], 1960: 90 pp., 18 photos. Available upon request.

The contents of this attractive booklet are grouped under five headings: "Life History," "Parasites and Diseases," "Management," "Hunting," and "Man and the Mallard."