

Reports and Journals

Humane Control of Animals Living in the Wild.

Use of Animals in Toxicological Studies. Both UFAW, 230 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts., 5s each.

The first of these two practical booklets, both of which are the proceedings of UFAW symposia, is concerned with so-called pests—rats, mice, squirrels, coypus, etc, which are usually only pests when they become excessive in certain places as a result of man's interference with the environment. In the discussion, Major Scott, Scientific Director of UFAW, pointed out that fox control had become an urban problem—there are probably more foxes per acre in the Tilbury Docks area than anywhere else in the UK. The discussions in the second booklet are based on the premise that some animal experiments are unavoidable, but shows that attention to certain points, including specific breeding for the purpose, could lead to a diminution in the number of animals used.

Canadian National Parks, 2 volumes, edited by J. G. Nelson and R. C. Scace. University of Calgary, \$12.00

The proceedings of the conference held in Calgary, in October 1968, cover a wider field than the title suggests, and include papers on the planning and history of parks in Europe, Japan, South America, East Africa and the USA, although the bulk of the papers draw mainly on North American experience. Dr McTaggart Cowan, in a paper on the Role of Ecology, declares 'it is safe to say that ecological considerations had almost no part in the establishment or design of any of the Canadian national parks'.

Marine Turtles. IUCN, Morges, Switzerland, 12s 6d

The working meeting of marine turtle specialists, representing all concerned nations, held in Morges in March 1969 under the auspices of the SSC, has already been reported in *ORYX* (September 1969) by one of the participants, Dr Tom Harrisson. IUCN has now published the complete proceedings with papers by the eleven delegates, illustrated with useful sketch maps and an account of the discussion.

SPNR Handbook 1969. British Museum (Natural History), 15s.

A paper on Wildlife Conservation in Europe, by Eric Duffey of the British Nature Conservancy, takes up the bulk of this booklet, which includes the Society's report for 1968. Dr Duffey describes the different approaches of European countries to conservation problems.

Malayan Forest Journal, Volume 22, nos. 3 & 4. Malayan Nature Society, Box 750, Kuala Lumpur, 27s 6d.

The September 1969 issue is a double one devoted to papers on Rain Forest, mostly short. Subjects include water balance, ecological factors in hill and mountain forest, the litter layer, productivity, mammals in lowland forests and bird population density.

Wild Deer of the West Sussex Downs (red, fallow, roe and muntjac) is a well illustrated useful guide by P. H. Carne with details of the legal protection. West Sussex Deer Control Society, Terwick Old Rectory, Rogate, Petersfield, Hants., 2s 6d.