

Book reviews

Pearson, Wildlife Illustrator of the Year 1983 and Bird Illustrator of the Year 1984. In the form of a diary, it begins in October at Portland Bill in Dorset as the last of the summer migrants leave; a series of journeys takes the reader all over Britain and through the winter, until in March the swallows return.

Seabirds: An Identification Guide (Revised Edition)

Peter Harrison

Croom Helm, 1985, 448 pp, HB £19.95

This revised edition includes new information discovered since the original edition was published in 1983, and four of its 88 colour plates have been completely revised (original review in *Oryx*, January 1984, page 56).

The Cambridge Field Guide to Prehistoric Life

David Lambert

Cambridge University Press, 1985, 256 pp, PB £6.95, HB £17.50

A comprehensive field guide to fossils worldwide, with additional chapters on the significance of fossil finds, techniques of discovery and reconstruction, and fossil collections in museums all over the world.

The Encyclopaedia of Underwater Life

Edited by Dr Keith Banister and Dr Andrew Campbell

George Allen & Unwin, 1985, 287 pp, HB £25.00

An abundance of colour photographs and artwork illustrate a series of essays from 17 expert contributors, which cover all the main groups of fish and aquatic invertebrates.

Marine Turtles in the Comoro Archipelago

J.G. Frazier

North-Holland Publishing Company, Amsterdam, Oxford and New York, 1985, 177 pp, DFL95.00 (available from Royal Netherlands Academy of Science, PO Box 19121, 1000 GC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

The results of the studies published here form part of a larger project to assess the status and distribution of sea turtles in the western Indian Ocean. This report is the first detailed account of marine turtles in the Comores and also describes the geography, climate, political status and people of the islands. The project was partly funded by the FFPS.

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Wings in the Sea: The Humpback Whale

Lois King Winn and Howard E. Winn

University Press of New England, 1985, 151 pp, PB £15.95, HB £25.00 from Trevor Brown Associates, 26 Charing Cross Road, Suite 7b, London WC2, UK

A most readable account of the humpback whale by two researchers from the University of Rhode Island, who began their studies in 1969 and have since travelled the world in order to continue. It is extremely well illustrated with photographs and line drawings, has an extensive bibliography and is well indexed.

Tuyur Oman (The Birds of Oman) Arabic Edition)

Michael Gallagher

Quartet Books, 27/29 Goodge Street, London W1P 1FD, UK, 1985, £35

Full colour illustrations and text in Arabic.

Conserving Asia's Natural Heritage: The Planning and Management of Protected Areas in the Indomalayan Realm

Edited by J.W. Thorsell

IUCN, 1985, 248 pp, available from IUCN Publication Services, Avenue du Mont Blanc, CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland, no price given.

Proceedings of the 25th Working Session of IUCN's Commission on National Parks and Protected Areas held in Corbett National Park, India, 4–8 February 1985.

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