

Book reviews

Conservation Studies on Raptors

Edited by I. Newton and R.D. Chancellor
ICBP, 1985, £25-50

Conservation of Tropical Forest Birds

Edited by A.W. Diamond and T.E. Lovejoy
ICBP, 1985, £18-50

Conservation of Island Birds

Edited by P.J. Moors
ICBP, 1985, £16-50

These three ICBP publications are all proceedings of conferences held in 1982 and published in the ICBP Technical Publications Series. They contain a wealth of information, much of it unpublished elsewhere.

ICBP Publications: available from ICBP, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, UK. All prices include postage and packing.

Bustards: A Guide to Their Ecology and Conservation

International Council for Bird Preservation in association with the Dubai Wildlife Research Centre, 1984, £2-50, including postage and packing, from ICBP, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, UK

This authoritative account of the world's 22 bustard species is lavishly illustrated and provides a concise introduction to all aspects of bustard behaviour, ecology, taxonomy and conservation. A large part of the text is devoted to individual treatments of each species. Some currently number fewer than 1000 individuals, but the status of most is still largely a matter of conjecture since so little is known about them. The booklet is being used to generate a greater interest in bustards, especially in East Africa where 1200 copies are being distributed free to wildlife clubs in schools and colleges. Proceeds from sales in Europe will be used entirely for bustard conservation work.

Commercial Fish and Crustacean Traps: A Serious Cause of Otter *Lutra lutra* (L.) Mortality in Britain and Europe

D.J. Jefferies, J. Green and R. Green
The Vincent Wildlife Trust, 1984, £1-00, including postage and packing, from The Vincent Wildlife Trust, Baltic Exchange Buildings, 21 Bury Street, London EC3A 5AU, UK

This report is a thorough review of otter mortality
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in fish and crustacean traps in Europe, and critically examines the various methods of alleviating this problem, which is a serious threat to the remnant otter populations of Europe.

The 1985 Citizen's Guide to the Ocean

M. Weber, R. Bierce, N. Atkins, R.E. McManus, E. Roet and N. Yolen
Potomac Publishing Company, 1985
Available from the Center for Environmental Education, 624 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA, \$4-95

A useful pocket guide to all aspects of the ocean and its use by human beings, written to provide North American citizens with the background information necessary to participate in the management of the country's ocean resources.

Holding Your Ground

Angela King and Sue Clifford
Maurice Temple Smith, 1985, £5-95 (PB)

By the founders of Common Ground, this is an action-orientated guide to local conservation in the UK. A mine of information for those concerned about almost any aspect of conservation from old farm buildings to village ponds and hedgerows.

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