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### The Natural History of Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes occur practically everywhere over the earth and, because of their importance as pests and transmitters of disease, a great deal of literature has been published about them. Scattered through this literature, dealing largely with their classification, control and disease transmission, are numerous observations on their biology. Dr. Bates has assembled in one book data which deal with the natural history of these insects. He has searched carefully and the account is quite complete except for the past several years. What he found was carefully analyzed, appraised, and integrated into this highly informative volume that everyone dealing with mosquitoes will certainly want to read. It only needs to be called to their attention.

This book is uniformly good; each of the twenty chapters contains a wealth of information. Several chapter titles are Food Habits of the Adult, Physiology and Behavior of Larvae and Techniques in Mosquito Study. An excellent feature of the fine bibliography is that each reference is followed by numbers indicating the pages in Bates' book where the reference was used. There are 14 tables, 9 line drawings, and 16 plates consisting of 30 photographs illustrating larval habitats and mosquito techniques. An appendix of mosquito species based on Edward's 1932 list and an index complete the book.—*Carl Venard.*

**The Natural History of Mosquitoes**, by Marston Bates. xv+379 pages and 16 plates. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1949. Price \$5.00.