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This is a summary of the major problems of ecology with suggestions as to an increase in our understanding by applying psychological viewpoints. The fundamental problems are stated in four questions, each the subject of a section of the book, namely (1) Why don't predators overeat their prey? (2) How are space and food shared? (3) Why are there so many species? (4) How do species remain distinct?

A fifth chapter considers how communities are organized, with a section devoted to organization and individual recognition, with the role of territoriality and communication in monospecific communities, and another section devoted to polyspecific communities.

An excellent bibliography with indices by subject and author attests the scholarliness of their efforts and adds to the usefulness of the volume.

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