
Animals in Winter

This field-book contains a large amount of general and specific information on where and how animals spent the cold months of the year. Such information is widely scattered in the literature and this book makes it accessible. Also the author includes many original observations. Although primarily intended as a guide for outdoor use, much fundamental ecology and many life histories are included. Indeed, the book is not the least bit superficial; zoologists as well as amateur naturalists can benefit by a careful reading of the text and examination of the numerous illustrations, which are good and often new. This book is a vivid example of true natural history; it is not a catalog of oddities. The animals are alive and the kind you will find, the events are real, and the subject matter is new. Who can miss examining this book, even though he proceeds to read it at the expense of prearranged tasks?—*Carl Venard*.

Field Book of Animals in Winter, by Ann H. Morgan, 528 pages; 283 drawings and photographs, including four plates in color by Roger T. Peterson. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1939. \$3.50.

Edison

Edison's Open Door, written by Alfred O. Tate, his private secretary over a long period of years serves to give the reader an intimate glimpse into the activities of the Wizard of Menlo Park. The book is not a biography in the usual orthodox sense, but is rather a book of informal reminiscences from the great inventor's life. The book is entrancingly interesting from cover to cover, each page crowded with incidents and details in the development of many of the devices which have made our present day life what it is. An evening with this volume is an evening well spent.—*H. H. Nielsen*.

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