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BOOK ON OHIO A STIRRING WORK

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The book, **Ohio's Natural Heritage**, awaited by many for some time, is now in circulation and exceeds all expectations. It is a magnificent volume that is a comprehensive natural history of the state, from its geological beginnings to the present, portrayed by authorities in terms understandable by the lay citizen. In fact, it is the story of natural Ohio.

There are 324 pages, divided into 19 chapters written by 28 leading scientists and naturalists, edited for the non-scientist by Michael B. Lafferty of Granville, Ohio, and illustrated with 463 drawings and photographs, 160 in color.

The work is produced by the Ohio Academy of Science, with the collaboration of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and funding by Nationwide Insurance, the Battelle Memorial Institute Foundation, the Everett D. Reese Fund of the Columbus Foundation and numerous gifts by private citizens.

Charles C. King, executive director of the Ohio Biological Survey is given much credit for envisioning this excellent work and providing direction and enthusiasm through its development.

The book is divided into three parts—the Land, Natural Regions, and Impact of Man. Part One describes the impressions of early explorers and settlers in The Ohio Country, the geology, the lay of the land, climate and weather, soils, forests, waters, and relics of the past—prairies, bogs and caves.

Part Two portrays the plants, animals and geology of Ohio's natural regions—Hill Country, Glaciated Plateau, Till Plains, Lake Erie and the Islands, Lake Plain and the Bluegrass Region. The Impact of Man depicts the first Ohioans—Indians, changing land use, early naturalists and efforts by citizens to preserve and protect the state's natural heritage. (*See the back cover for table of contents.*)

The illustrations are superb. There are informative maps, many in color; numerous excellent line drawings and some of the finest photographs I have seen, the majority in full color. Those providing illustrations are too numerous to mention, but the color photographs by Alvin E. Staffan, photographer with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, are outstanding. Special mention also should be made, among others, of Karl and Steve Maslowski and Ron Austing, all of Cincinnati.

Geobotany Conference at Bowling Green March 1, 1980. The theme will be Geobotany: an integrating experience. There will be papers in paleobotany, palynology and ecology as well as papers submitted by interested participants. Please contact Dr. Robert C. Romans, Biological Sciences, Bowling Green State Univ., Bowling Green, Ohio 43403.