
The Ornithologists Guide. *H. P. W. Hutson*, Ed. Philosophical Library, Inc., New York. 1956. ix+275 pp. \$10.00.

The Ornithologists Guide is a highly condensed review of many of the important aspects of present day bird study. The imposing list of forty six eminent English contributors is in itself a strong recommendation for the book. The major sections move concisely from the study of recognition, physical features and principles of nomenclature to discussions of geographical distribution, major behavior types, breeding relationships, and management. One of the most valuable areas involves study techniques of many kinds and suggestions for particular types of problems.

The considerable condensation required in a book of this type results in little that is new to the experienced ornithologist although the reading is enjoyable.

For those new in the field a thorough study of this book and the carefully selected references cited will save much time in the comprehension of the general subject.

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