

Book Reviews

COLLECTING, PRESERVING AND STUDYING INSECTS, by Harold Oldroyd. 327 pp., 135 figs. 15 pls., 1 map. MacMillan Co., New York. 1958. Price \$5.00.

The title of this book clearly indicates its coverage. The first part, devoted to collecting, tells where to look for insects, catching and trapping them, keeping, breeding and rearing, and killing and temporarily preserving the catch. Part II gives instructions for preparing and mounting for permanent preservation, examining insects in a collection and photography. The last section concerns the study of insects, including the principles of zoological classification and nomenclature, what are insects and their allies, and how insects are identified. Further chapters discuss additional reading in entomology and the description of new species.

The book is written for the adult who becomes interested in insects or for students of entomology who are in the beginning stages of developing a knowledge of this science. It has been carefully planned to answer the needs of these two groups. Professionals may also find much of value in the book, particularly for use as a ready source of general information about insects.—L.B.

CHECKLIST AND BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE OCCURRENCE OF INSECTS IN BIRDS NESTS, by Ellis A. Hicks. 681 pp. Iowa State College Press, Ames.

The author states that "This work represents an attempt to assort and consolidate information for the convenience of the user. As a result, the approach is two-fold: (1) entomological, and (2) ornithological. These two checklists are complimented by a third portion, a bibliography, which is as inclusive as I could make it over a period of about four years."

This massive compilation is a most valuable asset to entomologists studying relationships between birds and insects. For the beginner, here, ready-made, is a starting point which will save him countless hours of library study.—L.B.