

Brief Reviews

In *Tigerland* (Collins £3.50), the Director of Project Tiger, Kailash Sankhala, reproduces 117 magnificent photographs of tigers – including this superb one of a tiger at full speed in pursuit of a gazelle – and other Indian wildlife: lions, nilgai, langurs, gaur, sambar.

Hamlyn's 95p Concise Guide in Colour to the *Mammals of Britain and Europe*, by Jan Hanzak, illustrated by Dagmar Cerna, is so concise that it omits some quite common British species, such as the muntjac, the lesser horseshoe bat and the now widespread American mink. It also erroneously implies that axis deer are found wild in England.

The Mystery of the Flamingos, by Leslie Brown (East African Publishing House PO Box 30571, Nairobi, Sh. 50.00), appearing in a revised edition, describes the author's discovery of the flamingos' breeding grounds and how he nearly lost his life in the study of them. New photographs and four new chapters bring the story up to 1973.

The Whalebook: a conservation manual, teaching tool, and source book, is an American analogue of the Friends of the Earth Whale Manual, and similarly useful to workers on the field of whale conservation. Obtainable from Endangered Species Productions, Inc, 84 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass, 02116.

Niko Tinbergen's near classic study of naturalists at work, what they find and how they do it, *Curious Naturalists*, is now in paperback from Penguin at 85p.

IUCN Publications

Recent publications from IUCN (Morges 1110, Switzerland) include:

Conservation of Sirenia: Current Status and Perspectives for Action by G.C.L. Bertram;

Porpoise, Dolphin and Small Whale Fisheries of the World: status and problems, by Edward Mitchell, published with the assistance of the FPS and the International Society for the Protection of Animals;

Ecological Guidelines for Island Development, by John McEachern and Edward L. Towle;

Ecological Guidelines for Development in Tropical Forest Areas of South East Asia: Conclusions of Bandung meeting 1974, compiled by Duncan Poore;

Use of Ecological Guidelines for Development in the American Humid Tropics: proceedings of Caracas meeting 1974;

United States Experience with the Preparation and Analysis of Environmental Impact Statements: The National Environmental Policy Act by Orlando E. Delogu;

Biotic Provinces of the World, prepared by IUCN Secretariat.

NIGHTJAR – a striking photograph by the late John Markham, one of several hundred in *Britain's Wildlife* (Collins, £1.95), with text by Brian Grimes

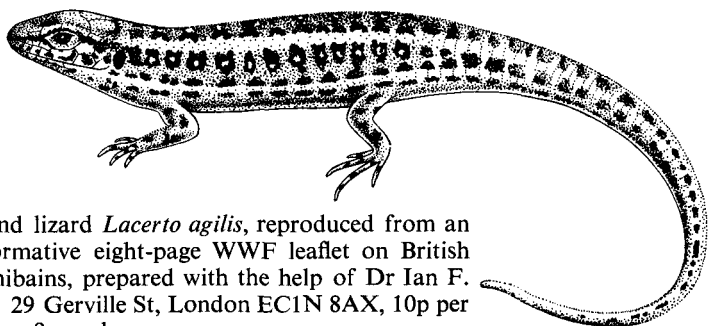


The Asociacion Canaria para Defensa de la Naturaleza (Presidente Alvear 50–2, Las Palmas, Gran Canaria), has produced an excellent booklet (in Spanish) on the endangered birds and plants of the Canary Islands. *Aves y Plantas de Gran Canaria en Peligro de Extincion* names and illustrates ten bird species – Egyptian vulture, kestrel, long-eared and barn owls, houbara bustard, blackcap, goldfinch, robin, great spotted woodpecker, and the Grand Canary race of the blue chaffinch – and a long list of endangered plants (not all illustrated), the Canary archipelago being especially rich in endemics.

Volume 1 of the *Field Guide to Australian Birds* (non-passerines), was reviewed in *Oryx* X1, 2. Volume 2 (passerines alone), which occupies nearly as many pages (300 instead of 400), is by Peter Slater alone, without his co-authors (Scottish Academic Press, 25 Perth Street, Edinburgh, £4.50). It continues the high standard of the previous volume, and they make the best field guide to Australian birds so far available.

A revised and enlarged edition of James Bond's *Birds of the West Indies* (Collins, £2.95) has seven additional colour plates illustrating 56 more species by Arthur Singer, a revised text that includes a new Puerto Rico species and an updated list of vagrants.

Richard Hough's *Galapagos: The Enchanted Islands* (Dent, £2.75), illustrated by Charlotte Hough's attractive drawings, gives a fairly brief account (50 pages) of the wildlife seen on two visits to the islands.



The endangered sand lizard *Lacerto agilis*, reproduced from an attractive and informative eight-page WWF leaflet on British Reptiles and Amphibians, prepared with the help of Dr Ian F. Spellerberg. WWF, 29 Gerville St, London EC1N 8AX, 10p per copy; over 25 copies, 8p each.

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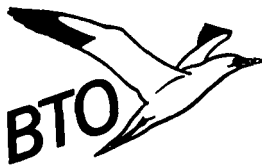
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