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BOOK REVIEW

Furbearing Animals of North America, Leonard Lee Rue III, viii + 344 pages, 7½ × 9½, Crown Publishers, Inc. New York. Hardbound, indexed, \$19.95.

Thirty furbearing species found north of Mexico — opossum, beaver, muskrat, nutria, coyote, gray wolf, red wolf, arctic fox, red fox, gray fox, grizzly/brown bear, black bear, polar bear, ringtail, raccoon, marten, fisher, short-tailed weasel, long-tailed weasel, mink, wolverine, badger, striped skunk, spotted skunk, river otter, sea otter, mountain lion, lynx, bobcat, and northern fur seal — are discussed in this book. There is a short comment for the order and the family and then each species (with the weasels, the wolves, and the skunks each treated together) is discussed under these headings: introduction, description, distribution (including a page-sized map of North America with the occupied areas shaded), travel, locomotion, food, behavior, senses, communication, breeding, birth and young, life span, sign, enemies, human relations, and commercial value. Several black-and-white photographs are shown for each species. There is a glossary and an extensive bibliography. The shortest species account is seven pages and the average is about twelve pages, so there is enough information for all but the more serious students.

— *Editor*

The Bird Identification Calendar, Common Birds of North America, 1982, illustrated by John Sill. Prepared under the direction of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. 12 × 9. The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vermont. With self-mailer, \$6.95.

Twenty-seven species of birds are illustrated, in color; there is a two-page, seven point, discussion of the basics of bird identification; there is a two-page discussion of why endangered species are endangered and what can be done about the situation; and there is an appointment calendar in the usual format. Sills is a good illustrator, but only twenty-seven species makes the title a little grandiose.

— *Editor*